

**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th December 1997, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr. D. Minkley (Chairman)  
Mrs. D. Edmonds  
Mr. R. Moyle  
Mr. M. Oakland  
Mrs. M. Pickford  
Mrs. R. Saunders  
Mrs. L. Spicer  
Mr. K. Topham

Mr. K. W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr. R. Shields (Borough Councillor)  
One Local Government Elector

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were none, all Members being present.

**2 MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING**

The Minutes of the last Meeting, 11th November, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall (Item 3).** The Chairman asked Mr. Shields whether he could add anything to Mr. Moyle's report to the last meeting. He could not, other than to say that previously it had been intimated that the wall alongside Loughborough Road might be replaced by a post and wire fence. He will pursue the matter with Borough Council officials.

**Village Hall Notice Board (Item 13).** Leicestershire DLO have been asked to quote to replace the older board but have not responded as yet. However, a copy of the Borough Council Policy and Finance Committee Minutes has been received advising that they will be contacting Parish Councils this month to apply for grants in the next financial year of up to 50%, maximum £300, towards supply and erection of Notice Boards. It was agreed to await the promised details before taking any further action.

#### 4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**Hangar 4.** The Borough Council Minutes showed that all the recent applications in respect of Hangar 4 had been refused. Mr. Shields confirmed this, and that Pall-Ex (U.K.) Ltd had vacated the Hangar, as required.

**Vibracoustics Ltd, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold.** This firm has applied for change of use from flat to office of a small room on this site. There was no objection.

#### 5 DRAFT LOCAL PLAN

There have been no developments since the last meeting but it was agreed to retain this item on the monthly Agenda until the Brook Street development has been before the Inspector.

#### 6 POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE, BURTON

Beverly Green of the Environmental Health Department has advised that the Abatement Notice has been drafted and is now with the Legal Department for checking. It includes a Schedule giving dates for completion of the various requirements and it is hoped that this will be served next week. The Borough Council have had a meeting with Padleys today from which it seems probable that Padleys will appeal against closure of the two older houses. This is to be expected in such cases and they have 21 days to lodge their appeal at the Magistrates Court.

Mr. Shields had spoken to Robin Fisk who seemed reasonably optimistic that these two houses would be closed once all procedures had been exhausted, though they may then be replaced elsewhere on the site.

#### 7 ENVIRONMENT

**Lion's Mouth Fountain.** Mr. Edmondson had called upon the Clerk. Whilst wishing to co-operate in every way possible and appreciating the assurances that the Council have now given, he nevertheless wishes to retain the freehold of the fountain. The Clerk has checked with the County Council who confirm that their Landmark Grant would be available for a site which is leased or licensed to a Parish Council for at least ten years. After discussion, during which the view was expressed that ten years might be too short a period from the Parish Council's point of view, it was agreed to seek advice from Mr. Tincknell of the Borough Council Plans and Conservation Division as to what Mr. Edmondson's responsibilities are as owner of a deteriorating Grade 2 Listed property and what enforcement action can be taken to cause him to take remedial action.



**St. Philips Road Footpath.** Written confirmation has now been received from the Housing Corporation that Charlbury Housing Association was never registered with them and this has been passed on to Peter Blitz. His response is awaited.

**Litter Bin, Huntingdon Close, Burton.** The transfer of this bin from Barrow Road has not yet taken place. The Clerk will remind Mr. Cameron of the Borough Council before the next meeting.

**Millennium Commemoration.** Our enquiry to the Borough Council about the land adjacent to the Village Hall has been passed to Mr. Henshall, the Director of Legal Services, and his reply is awaited. The Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee has passed over a copy of their Plans of the land concerned. From Borough Council Minutes received, it appears that they may look to Parishes matching their grant funding in equal measure.

**Tree Warden.** Following the last meeting the Chairman met Mr. Paul Sutton, who made a favourable impression, and he has now been confirmed as Tree Warden for the combined parishes. This will be announced in the 'Link'. It was agreed to invite Mr. Sutton to the January meeting, to meet Members.

**The Common/Travellers.** An unexpected letter from Simon Milledge, Resident Agent to the Duke of Somerset's Estates had been received, dated 4th December, advising that he would be in Burton today. A meeting was quickly set up involving the Chairman and Clerk during which the entire issue was discussed in some depth. Mr. Milledge was clearly well briefed about the situation and had seen both Fred Bailey and Trevor Eggleston earlier in the day.

The Estate is prepared to permit whatever reasonable measures frontagers may wish to take to keep off travellers, subject to protecting the rights of walkers and horse riders, and to conforming to legal and planning requirements. He intends to write along those lines to frontagers and agreed to send us a copy. He hopes that Trevor Eggleston will take steps to secure the last unprotected section of the Common, whilst understanding that this is the longest section. He is appreciative of what Messrs. Bailey and Eggleston in particular have done to clear up previous mess and has told them so. The Estate will not get involved in what exact measures are taken and whilst not completely ruling out some financial contribution, would nevertheless find it hard to justify without some benefit to them. In what was a friendly meeting, Mr. Milledge made it clear that, as Common Land, its value is negligible other than in 'ransom' terms, should future mineral development, motorway construction or the like occur.

The most recent group of travellers have now moved off. It was agreed that no further action is called for from the Parish Council.

**Footpath through John Pepper's land.** Mrs Saunders has heard from Mr. Pepper that his packers have advised that in future they will not accept cattle from land which is fouled by dogs. There is a problem with the path running from Barrow Road towards Walton which is frequently used by dog walkers, and also with a short cut from Sowters Lane across the fields which is not an official footpath but which Mr. Pepper has turned a blind eye to in the past. Action needs to be taken before restocking and Mrs Saunders will draft a notice to be exhibited at the Barrow Road entrance to the footpath, for the next meeting.

## **8 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**Parking at Burton School.** Mr. East of the County Council advises that he has received a response from the Police who have visited the site. Their view is that this is a parent related problem and the onus is on the school to impress on the parents the need to park in a safe area. They would not support any other measures. Mr. Topham had spoken to PC Tony Hewitt who suggests that the Headmaster should write to parents drawing attention to the problem and suggesting they use the Playing Field parking area. If this is not successful, PC Hewitt would have a word with them. The Headmaster should be acting accordingly.

**Repairs to B676.** A letter dated 5th December from the Divisional Engineer, giving positive response to our recent requests, was read. It was noted that the footway renewal at the lower end of Barrow Road, Burton had now been completed. Mr. Topham drew attention to the churned up state of the grass border at the Springfield Close/Loughborough Road junction following the departure of the machinery which had been used on the footway repairs and also to three pallets of paving slabs which had been left in the same place. The County Council will be asked to put this area to rights.

**Overhanging hedge, 24 Melton Road, Burton.** This has not yet been cut back. It was agreed to allow the new owners more time and to check the situation in January.

**Highways Agency.** A letter dated 10th November advising management changes was read.

## **9 PFA/PAVILION**

Mrs Saunders advised that there is a leak in the kitchen corner which will be repaired out of PFA funds. There were also problems in the shower areas caused by water escaping from the shower trays which were not adequately enclosed. She passed over a letter dated 4th December from the Play Group Committee to the Parish Council requesting that a path/hard surface be installed around the field or play area for the use of young children learning to ride bicycles etc. They would also like to see wet-pour areas

around the play equipment which does not currently have a safety surface. They are available to discuss these proposals with the Council. Mrs. Saunders advised that a mesh surface around the field would cost in the region of £1500/2000. The Chairman requested that the PFA obtain quotations for the various schemes whilst expressing the view that they seemed inappropriate to the Millennium commemoration.

In previous years the Cricket Club has paid £300 to the PFA as its share of the ground maintenance. The Clerk will arrange for this to be paid direct to the Council for the 1997 season without delay.

## **10 VILLAGE HALL**

Mrs. Edmonds advised that the Insurance Company and Builders are cooperating fully and the repair work is to be carried out over the Christmas/New Year period, to minimise disruption to activities. We still need to know precisely what should be done to cut back trees and bushes to avoid future problems. The Christmas Fair last weekend appears to have been successful though no figures are yet available.

## **11 FINANCE**

Outgoings of £373.54 authorised at the last meeting leave a balance of £7,625.66 in the Current Account/Business Reserve. The Auditors Report for last year has still not been received. NatWest Bank require all signatories to sign a fresh sheet, because of new regulations, and Councillors and the Clerk signed accordingly.

P & J Services have submitted a quotation for 1998 maintenance, uplifted by 3% over current levels. It was agreed to accept this.

The Charnwood Director of Finance has sent the usual precept demand form. The Clerk will prepare a budget for submission to the next meeting, at which the precept will be determined.

## **12 MISCELLANEOUS**

**National Spring Clean.** Details for the 1998 campaign have been received but, following the lack of interest this year, it was decided not to take part.

**Police and Public Consultative Meetings.** A Questionnaire had been received and the Clerk will respond advising that the Council is happy to delegate attendance to the local Neighbourhood Watch organisation.

It was noted that PC Hewitt had not attended any Parish Council meeting in recent times, but decided not to request his attendance at present.



### 13 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K.W. Davies	Salary/expenses	£ 168.69
SLCC	Subscription	40.00
P & J Services	Oct/Nov. maintenance	301.98

### 14 PRESS RELEASE

There were no items for release, other than the announcement of the Tree Warden already made.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.55 p.m.

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Mrs. D. Edmonds (from Item 12)  
Mr. R. Moyle  
Mr. M. Oakland  
Mrs. M. Pickford  
Mrs. L. Spicer

Mr. K. W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: One Local Government Elector.

The Chairman opened the meeting by recording, with sadness, the passing of two Burton residents, Betty Green, who ran the Friendship Club and George Hawes, Chairman of the Parish Council from 1959 to 1967, aged 92.

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were apologies for absence from Mrs. R. Saunders and from Mr. K. Topham (both on holiday)

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting, 14th October, were agreed to be a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall.** Mr Moyle had spoken to Mr. Simon Packe-Drury-Lowe who offered no encouragement. He claims to have no funds available for repairs to the boundary wall.

**4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

No new applications have been received and there was no news of pending Applications.

**5 DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

A draft of our objection to the increase from 30 to 40 dwellings at Brook Street, Burton was circulated to Councillors after the last meeting and after minor amendments resulting from that, was lodged with the Borough Council



and duly acknowledged. The Clerk has spoken to the Programme Officer, Mrs. Pat Chamberlain about the possibility of making an appearance, should we wish to do so, when the time comes. This is because we supported, with qualifications, the original plan but had now become objectors, because of the proposed changes. Only objectors are allowed to make personal appearances but the last date to register for personal appearance had gone before the changes were known.

Mrs. Chamberlain advised that there is no intention at this time to accept additional objectors' appearances. However we can submit additional written material, if we so wish, and the Inspector will give just as much credence to written material as to personal appearances.

It was agreed to review our position nearer to the time that the Brook Street proposal comes before the Inspector.

## **6 POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE, BURTON**

The Borough Council should by now have served Notice on Padleys as advised by Mr. Peatfield at the last meeting, but there has been no confirmation of this. The Clerk will ascertain the position before the next meeting.

## **7 ENVIRONMENT**

**Lion's Mouth Fountain.** Mr. Edmondson has been advised by a lawyer friend that our proposals offer him no benefits but expose him to many potential liabilities, e.g. should the brickwork be damaged, or should damage be caused to trees through their roots. Nonetheless, he is not opposed to our proposals if a solution to these problems can be found.

It was agreed to inform Mr. Edmondson in writing that there is no intention to burden him with any additional liabilities of this nature and an Agreement can be drawn up which will make this clear. Assuming that he accepts this, then we can proceed as previously agreed.

**St. Philips Road footpath.** Peter Blitz of the Charnwood Planning Directorate had supplied material to enable us to approach the Housing Corporation in Leicester about the ownership of this strip of land, and this has been done. A verbal response indicates that the Charlbury Housing Association never has been registered with the Corporation, and this is to be confirmed in writing. Once received, this will be copied to Peter Blitz with the request that the Borough Council now arrange to maintain this strip of land.

**Litter Bin, Huntingdon Close/Melton Road.** Mr. Cameron, Assistant Cleansing Manager of the Borough Council has been out to look at the site and will arrange installation of a post to carry the bin in the near future.



**Millennium.** Mary Bagley, Landscape Officer of the County Council has offered advice should we decide to proceed with the scheme for replanting around the Village Hall. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr Harrison and the Borough Council, who each own part of the land surrounding the Hall, to sound them out regarding our possible scheme.

**Tree Warden.** Following publication in the 'Link' of an article initiated by the County Council inviting volunteers to apply for the post of Parish Tree Wardens, Mr. Paul Sutton of 38 Springfield Close, Burton, approached the Clerk. Tree Wardens report to the Parish Council and training is organised for them by the County Council in the person of Mary Bagley, Landscape Officer at the Department of Planning and Transportation. Mrs. Bagley has now sent a summary of the duties of such Wardens, together with a pack of material for Mr. Sutton should we decide to appoint him.

It was agreed to appoint Mr. Sutton to be the first Tree Warden for the combined parishes, subject to a meeting first with the Chairman to assess his suitability.

**The Common/ Travellers.** A small group of travellers moved on to the Common to the east of Horse Leys Farm towards the end of October. There have been no complaints and it was agreed to take no action.

## 8 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

**Parking at Burton School.** There has been no further response from the County Council.

**Barrow Road/B675 Junction.** There has been no further response from the County Council regarding the visual obstruction at this junction.

**Repairs to B676.** Those items noted at the last meeting have been reported to the County Divisional Engineer at Melton Mowbray but no response has been received as yet. Mr. Lorimer, mentioned by Mr. Peatfield at our last meeting as being a useful contact, is in fact Assistant to Mr. David Bailey, the Divisional Engineer. It was suggested that Mr. Bailey be invited to a future meeting.

**Stanford Lane, Cotes.** The Lane reopened today, after completion of the bridge work.

**Footpaths/Bridleways.** A letter dated 22nd October had been received from the County Divisional Engineer asking for help in identifying who farms the fields through which footpaths and bridleways in our parishes pass. Mrs. Saunders had very kindly arranged to complete and return the maps provided.

**Overhanging hedge, 24 Melton Road, Burton.** New owners moved in to this address about ten days ago, and they have agreed to a courteous request from the Clerk to cut the hedge back to its correct line as soon as practicable, it being understood that it is no fault of theirs that it has become overgrown.

**Charnwood Road Safety Committee.** Nobody was able to take Mrs. Saunders' place at the meeting tomorrow.

**Mini-roundabout, Burton.** Mr. Oakland has been asked whether anything can be done to to compel motorists to go around the roundabout, rather than across it. It was felt that in practical terms, little could be done.

## **9 PFA/PAVILION**

There was nothing to report.

## **10 BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

The Secretary of the Village Hall Management Committee advises that as yet she has not been able to obtain any firm indication of how far the trees should be cut back to protect the foundations. She hopes to have news shortly.

## **11 POST OFFICE**

There has been just one response to the appeal in the 'Link' (repeated in the Burton village column of the 'Loughborough Echo') asking anyone wishing to see Post Office facilities restored to contact the Clerk. This does not justify taking the matter any further and, unless additional support is forthcoming, the matter will be allowed to rest.

## **12 FINANCIAL**

Nett outgoings of £1252.46 in October leave a balance of £7,999.20 in the Business Reserve/Current Account. The bills for the first six months of water supply to the allotments and burial ground are pleasingly low, at £28.92 and £13.30 respectively. The Accounts for 1996/97 have still not been received back from the auditors.

In response to a standard requirement of NatWest Bank, it was proposed Mr. Moyle, seconded Mr. Oakland and carried unanimously that the Bank should pay cheques or accept other written instructions to make payments by any means (including electronically) from any of the Parish Council's accounts, even if this causes an overdraft or increases an existing overdraft; for all other purposes they may act on the written instructions of the Parish Council when signed by any two of the signatories named in the authorised signatory list; the signatories to the mandate shall be personally liable together and



each separately and also for the Parish Council; and the mandate will remain in force until the Bank are notified in writing to the contrary by any person appearing in the authorised signatory list.

The signatories are the eight current Parish Councillors plus the Parish Clerk.

### 13 MISCELLANEOUS

**Notice Board.** The Chairman advised that the older of the two Notice Boards outside Burton Village Hall, that used for other than official Notices, is beginning to disintegrate. It is thought that this may be owned by the Management Committee, not the Parish Council. Mrs. Edmonds will check. The Clerk will get quotations for replacing it; last time Leicestershire DLO supplied and erected three Boards in our parishes for £480.00

**Shell Better Britain - Community Projects Fund}** Letters from the  
**Environment Challenge 3** } Borough Council  
under these headings were read and noted.

### 14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K.W. Davies	salary/expenses	£ 213.14
Severn Trent Water	three bills	89.90

### 15 PRESS RELEASE

This will record the passing away of George Hawes, the new seat and the litter bin.

It was noted that Frances Walker, in her capacity as Burton correspondent of the 'Loughborough Echo', transcribes the Parish Council report from the 'Link'. This means that the report in the 'Echo' appears up to a month after the Council Meeting and it was agreed to supply Mrs Walker with the Press Release direct.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 8.20 p.m.



**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 14th October 1997, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr. D. Minklev (Chairman)  
Mrs. D. Edmonds (from item 8)  
Mr. M. Oakland  
Mrs. M. Pickford  
Mrs. R. Saunders  
Mrs. L. Spicer  
Mr. K. Topham

Mr. K.W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr. S. Peatfield, Chief Executive, Borough of Charnwood  
Mr. R. Shields (Borough Councillor)  
Two Local Government Electors

The Chairman opened the meeting by welcoming Mr Stephen Peatfield, on behalf of members of the Council.

**1 APOLOGIES**

There was an apology for absence from Mr. R. Moyle (prior engagement).

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting, 9th September, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**1894 Minute Book (item 3).** This book has been loaned to Peter Shaw, for research purposes, until end October.

**Volunteer Archaeological Warden (item 13.2)** Mr. Shaw has expressed interest in this position, and the application form has been left with him to complete if he so wishes.

**Post Office (item 13.1)** The Clerk had obtained further information from Mr. H. Newman, PATAC representative of the LARAPLC. One example of a locally run part time Post Office in a Village Hall is at Plungar in the Vale of Belvoir. Joanne Hancock, the Post Office Manager for our area, who arranged the unsuccessful search for a replacement for Drewery's earlier in the year, has also been contacted. Whilst not entirely opposed to such a scheme, she points out that there are a number of difficulties, particularly as



regards security. There would need to be a permanent counter and screen, a safe and a telephone. An alarm system would be needed (which they could probably provide) and somebody must be found to run the service and accept responsibility. There are no specific qualifications required, but the individual must be numerate and personable.

Mr. Topham pointed out that there were clearly costs involved if this matter was progressed, and it would seem that local people have already made alternative arrangements since the closure of Burton Post Office. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Oakland and carried that an item be placed in the Link outlining the scheme and asking for evidence of local interest.

**Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall (item 13.4).** In Mr. Moyle's absence, this item was deferred, Mr Shields having had no response from Borough Planning Officers.

#### **4 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Mr Peatfield asked about members' perception of the speed of planning decisions. There was no adverse comment although Mr Peatfield stated that Charnwood response times were considered slow by national standards. This was exacerbated by the high number of applications due to the pick-up in economic conditions.

**Motorised Activities, Prestwold Hall and Airfield.** It seems that this scheme has been approved with conditions, although the Parish Council has received no official advice as yet.

**Hangar 4.** Copies of the Director of Planning's Report on Applications 1023 and 1025 were distributed. He recommends refusal in both cases and the Report is to be discussed by Plans Sub-Committee 2 on 16th October.

Mr. Shields advised that the Co-op is said to be interested in using Hangar 4 with multiple daily vehicle movements. Pall-Ex, whose deadline in the other part of the hangar is 31st October, have not gone yet.

**Cowshed Conversion, Prestwold Hall.** A press report indicates that the Borough Council has refused permission for this development as no attempt had been made to find a commercial use for it and Mr Shields confirmed this.

**10 Hall Drive, Burton - extension to side (Mr & Mrs A. Tomkins).** The deadline for comment on this application was 7th October and, after consultation with the Chairman, no objection had been raised.

**147 Melton Road, Burton - erection of polytunnels adjacent to Nursery (J.M & T.D Oakland).** There was no objection to this application.



## 5 DRAFT LOCAL PLAN.

(Mr. Oakland left the Council table at this point to sit in the public area.)

Following the last meeting a copy of the Borough of Charnwood Statement of Proposed Changes was received. The only issue concerning our parishes of which the Council is not already aware is a proposal to include five 'affordable dwellings' on the Brook Street site. Full details of the amended Brook Street proposal (now 40 dwellings, previously 30) had been posted on the Notice Board and distributed to residents of Brook Street and Somerset Close, as agreed at the last meeting.

For the benefit of Councillors, Local Government Electors present and the Chief Executive of Charnwood, the Chairman summarised the history of this site with emphasis on the problems caused by the rising land facing Brook Street and the potential increase in motor traffic, already a major issue in Burton. On the other side, this site, underdeveloped and something of an eyesore, is the best location for such a development locally and its displacement of the pig farm with its obnoxious smells would be welcomed. Taking all of this into consideration, a year ago the Council had decided to support the project subject to a maximum of 30 dwellings and various other conditions. Now, though, the Borough Council are seeking to increase this to 40 dwellings and at the same time it is understood that Hassall Homes has been taken over by MacAlpine, who can be expected to adopt a more aggressive stance toward high density development.

Mr. Peatfield contended that that the Local Plan is not concerned with detail. That is for the planning application stage. The Borough Council is required to find 8000+ homes. Very few will be in small villages, only Burton and Wymeswold being selected, with 40 each. The increase from 30 to 40 is because it has now been estimated that the land will take that number. It is a guideline only and no guarantees can be given about density. At the planning application stage consideration will be given to siting dwellings end on so as not to overlook existing dwellings, etc.

He advised that this item is scheduled to come up on Day 30 of the Inspector's hearing, 13th May 1998, although that date could slip. There are two objectors so far to the latest Changes, Len Dobson and Stoneleigh Planning.

A letter objecting to the Changes from Dr. Jocelyn Wishart and Rod Ward of 19 Brook Street was read, whilst a letter of objection from Margaret and Terry Smith of 18 Brook Street had been circulated with the Agenda along with some notes from Mr. Oakland. A letter from the Borough Planning Department clarifying paragraph (g) on page 38 of the Planning Committee Report dated 5th June was read and a copy of the Borough "Housing Needs Survey" had been sent with this letter.

Questions or Comments were invited from the floor and it was pointed out that that Borough Policy is against building on high ground yet this Brook Street development appears to contravene that policy. Mr. Peatfield responded that, although he is relying on memory, he believes that the policy is not to build on hilltop skyline. Brook Street is not such a site.

Any comments/objections to the Changes must be submitted by 24th October and it was agreed to discuss further and agree a response later in the meeting, after the departure of the Chief Executive.

## **6 POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE.**

(Mr. Oakland resumed his place.)

Mr Peatfield handed over a copy of the ADAS Report, as amended, together with a draft copy of the Borough Environmental Health Committee Minutes for the meeting at which the report was considered. The outcome was that the serving of a statutory notice under the Environmental Protection Act 1990 requiring compliance with the ADAS recommendations be authorised and the period for compliance be six months. The principal recommendation is that the operators either abandon production in the two older poultry houses (those closest to residents) or modify extensively the ventilation system in those houses, thereby reducing the risk of odour and dust nuisance.

## **7 ENVIRONMENT**

**Lion's Mouth Fountain.** Mr. Edmondson has still not responded.

**St. Philips Road Footpath.** Mr. Peatfield (forewarned) read a note from Peter Blitz but this did not progress the issue beyond what was already known. Mr. Blitz has found no time to talk to the Housing Corporation. The Clerk will ask him whether we can make that approach.

**Seat at Crossroads, Burton.** Following the approval at the last meeting, a new 'Southampton' seat was ordered from Neptune Outdoor Furniture Ltd and installed last week at an overall cost of £400.00 pre-VAT, including installation and removal of the old seat.

**Litter Bin.** The Clerk reported that the bin in Barrow Road is post-mounted but there is no suitable post at the top of Huntingdon Close/Melton Road for its transfer. He was instructed to contact the Borough Cleansing Department to see if they can help.

**Millennium.** A letter has been received from the Borough confirming that contributions of up to £500 per community have been suggested, subject to various criteria, with details expected to be settled by the end of this year. They also ask for suggestions for borough-wide celebrations or commemoration though none were forthcoming at this meeting.



## 8 ADDRESS BY CHARNWOOD CHIEF EXECUTIVE

Mr. Peatfield asked to give a short summary of matters thought to be of interest to Parish Councillors and, after first apologising that it had been more than two years since his last visit, he spoke about the civic newspaper (for which they would like village stories and feedback), the millennium grants, a Charter for parishes (with, perhaps, additional delegated responsibilities), festive lighting, promoting the arts (with a willingness to loan works of art), financial support for village shops, village appraisals (five villages in Charnwood are working on these) and the prospects for Council Tax next year (not good, with the new Government pursuing similar fiscal policies to the old).

The Chairman advised that Burton has unusual traffic problems, sitting astride a busy road much used by heavy vehicles. Mr Peatfield, whilst agreeing that Burton had virtually unique problems, shared only with Queniborough, pointed out that this was a matter for the County. He suggested that Mr. Lorimer would be a good contact. The Borough might lend support to any proposals from the Parish, if requested in writing.

Mr Topham recounted that the Borough Cleansing Department would not accept responsibility for clearing up after itinerants on Burton Common. He asked whether the Borough Council could instruct landowners to clear up after itinerant encampments, failing which the Borough Council would do it and charge the landowner. Mr Peatfield replied that they could not. They could take such action only if the landowners themselves made a mess. He expressed the view that residents bring these invasions by itinerants upon themselves by giving them employment in cutting hedges etc rather than supporting reputable local traders.

Mr. Peatfield then left the meeting, having been thanked by the Chairman for his attendance.

## 9 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS

**Parking at Burton School.** Mr. Topham reported that he, together with the Headmaster and the Clerk had met Mr. East and a colleague from LCC a week ago. A full discussion took place and Mr. East will give a written response having consulted with the Police and others. Traffic calming measures on Barrow Road coming in to the village may be a solution.

**Barrow Road/B675 junction.** Mr. East had taken a look at this blind spot caused by a road sign on his visit to the school and will respond in due course.

**Highway Matters.** A letter from Mr Bailey of LCC under this heading dated 9th September advises that the traffic island at Prestwold has been relocated following our comments but that lack of funds prevents completion



of the footway resurfacing at the lower end of Barrow Road at this time.

The Chairman advised that the remedial work on Melton Road has been completed with the installation of two additional drains to soak up excess rainwater.

Councillors reported defects in the B676 road surface at the western end of Burton, close to the end of the Estate wall, outside 78 Melton Road, and at a point before Narrow Lane approaching Six Hills. These will be reported.

Mavis Morris, of Hall Drive had complained about noise from traffic passing over a triangular manhole cover located on the 'rumble strip' outside Mulberry Lodge, Melton Road but Councillors had failed to detect any problem. Mrs. Edmonds is best placed to keep the situation under review.

The Clerk had been interviewed by BBC Radio Leicester about traffic problems in Burton on their live morning programme on 11th September.

**Stanford Lane, Cotes.** The road closure took place, somewhat later than first notified. A letter from Mr Bradford, Senior Engineer LCC advises that the bridge repairs are necessary for local farm and other traffic, irrespective of the HGV issue. It does confirm now that "unsuitable for heavy goods vehicles" signs will be erected at each end of the lane in the near future.

Mrs Byass has had several telephone conversations with the Clerk and is not at all happy about this outcome. She has written to the MP, Andy Reed and to County Councillor Mrs Goodman.

**Speeding.** A letter from Chief Inspector Cartwright of the Traffic Department, Leicestershire Constabulary was read advising (contrary to what Inspector Boulton had advised) that eight motorcyclists and one van driver have been dealt with for excess speed. Visits to Burton will continue, commensurate with other duties.

**Overhanging Hedge.** Mrs Saunders advised that the boundary hedge at 24 Melton Road is overgrown and making inroads on to what is already a narrow footway. The Clerk will take appropriate action.

## 10 PFA/PAVILION

Mrs Saunders advised that a survey had concluded that the silver poplar trees closest to the Pavilion are threatening to undermine it by their root spread. Their removal will cost approx. £200. A small conifer is similarly threatening the Tennis Court fence though this can probably be pulled out by tractor for around £15. An estimate is to be obtained to thin out thorn bushes growing amongst trees in the wooded areas. It was suggested that G. Lambert of Back Lane, Cotes be amongst those invited to quote.





Mrs Saunders suggested that, for the Millennium project, consideration be given to laying down a path around the Playing Field at a cost of £6/7k. A similar sum would provide a paved area between the Tennis Courts and play wall.

## **11 VILLAGE HALL**

A copy letter from Robins Response to the Management Committee was read commenting on future management/removal of trees in the proximity of the Hall. They feel that, with the leak stemmed, the trees may put out roots further under the hall, leading to future subsidence problems. It was decided to ask the Village Hall Management Committee for specific details of which trees should come out.

## **12 FINANCIAL**

The half year financial summary and comparison to budget had been circulated with the Agenda and was accepted without comment.

For the time being, capital purchases such as the photocopier and the new seat have been left in the current account. These will not be transferred to the Business Reserve until towards year end, since the Business Reserve balance attracts higher interest in the meantime. Fourteen days notice is required for such transfers.

A new mandate is required by the Bank to delete Graham Brewin and to add Diana Edmonds to the list of signatories and this is in hand.

## **13 MISCELLANEOUS**

**Crime Statistics.** The Chairman noted with concern a marked increase in crime, particularly vehicle theft, in the recently circulated Police statistics.

## **14 CHEQUES**

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K.W.Davies	522.71	salary and expenses. incl. adjustments
P & J Services	227.95	maintenance
Neptune Outdoor	470.00	new seat for Burton square

## **15 PRESS RELEASE**

This will cover the Chief Executive's visit, Post Office facilities, Poultry Farm, Stanford Lane and the Millennium.

## **5 (Cont.) DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

Further debate took place prior to finalising the Council's response to the Proposed Changes. Views expressed included:

- the Chief Executive's contention that no detail is to be considered at this stage is incorrect
- it could be worse if the proposal to build on Brook Street is rejected and the pig farm/haulage depot is expanded.
- we cannot now oppose the original thirty dwelling project, nor can we use as a basis for opposition any of the detailed points which were used in our original qualified support.
- (from the floor) the detailed documents on exhibition at Southfields show the Parish Council as being in favour of the original 30 dwelling development with very little mention of the qualifications raised. One pig farm is less of an environmental problem than a thirty or forty house development.

It was agreed to oppose the change from 30 to 40 dwellings. The Clerk will draft a response to be agreed by the Chairman and then circulated to all Councillors for comment before finalisation. Issues to be covered will include the arguments for relative low density on such a site, the Borough Council's incorrect understanding of the properties overlooked on Brook Street/Melton Road, the additional traffic generated in a safety context and the unsuitability for 'affordable housing'.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.15 p.m.

**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 9th September 1997, commencing at 7.30 p.m**

Present:

Mr. D. Minkley (Chairman)  
Mr. R. Moyle (Vice Chairman)  
Mr. M. Oakland  
Mrs. M. Pickford  
Mrs. L. Spicer  
Mr. K. Topham

Mr. K.W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr. R. Shields (Borough Councillor)  
Two Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were apologies from Mrs D. Edmonds (prior engagement) and Mrs R. Saunders (holiday).

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting, 12th August, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Liaison Meeting with CBC Chief Executive (Item 4).** This is still expected to take place at the 14th October meeting.

**Insurance of Handbells (Item 12).** Mr Topham has ascertained from the Headmaster that the handbells are secured in a locked integral cupboard adjacent to the Headmaster's study. Cornhill Insurance will be advised accordingly.

**Youth Club (Item 14.5).** This re-started last week. Discussions are being held with the young people as to what direction it should take and any request for aid will follow from these discussions.

**Village Lockup (Item 14.7).** Peter Shaw had unearthed just one relevant piece of information, from the Constable's Accounts for 1812 "to repairing the pound and paving and repairing the stocks, £2.6.3d." This had been passed on to the Village Lock-up Association.



It was agreed to loan Mr Shaw the 1894 Minute Book, for a period not exceeding one month. On its return, consideration should be given to lodging the Minute Book and any other records of historical interest with the Leicestershire Museums, Arts and Records Service who offer an archive service. Mr Shields confirmed that other local parishes make use of this service.

#### **4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION**

Mrs Saunders left word that the safety surface under one of the swings needed urgent repair. This was completed on 4th September at a cost of £176, to be paid by the PFA.

P & J Services had completed 15 cuts of the playing field, the minimum stipulated in the contract, by end August, and more would be needed. This was seen as inevitable in a relatively wet summer during which, unlike recent years, the grass had never stopped growing.

#### **5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Mrs Walker has advised that the Insurance report on the subsidence problem is expected this week. A letter received by her from Cornhill Insurance reserves their right to review the Policy and to take any underwriting action deemed necessary on completion of their enquiries.

#### **6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**CBC Plans Subcommittee Agendas.** A letter dated 12th August advises that copies of these agendas will be sent to Parish Councils for the next six months, to give a clearer picture of the Borough Council's thinking. After that time there will be consultation as to whether to continue.

Mr Shields asked that copies of Parish Council letters on contentious issues be sent to him and this was agreed.

**Hangar 4, Wymeswold Airfield.** A letter from CBC dated 21st August outlining the position as regards three applications concerning Hangar 4 had been circulated to members. Mr Shields confirmed that the Borough Council had extended the date for its intended stop notice to Pall-ex (U.K.) Ltd to 31st October, with five days thereafter to cease activities. The Parish Council will object to Application 01023, for use of the remainder of Hangar 4 for storage and distribution with access through the industrial estate to Wymeswold Lane, and also to Application 01025 which covers three portakabins adjacent to the hangar.

**Motorised activities, Prestwold Hall and Wymeswold Airfield.** A copy of the CBC Agenda for the meeting of Plans Sub Committee 1 on 4th September had been circulated to members. The Clerk had written in protest at the Assistant Director of Corporate and Environmental Services' report



that there had been no complaints about existing activities, which was clearly not true. Mr Shields advised that this application has now been referred to the full Council.

**Sycamore House, 21 Loughborough Road, Burton - extension to rear (Mr.P. Tinkler).** There was no objection to this application.

## **7 BOROUGH OF CHARNWOOD DRAFT LOCAL PLAN**

A letter dated 28th August from Guy Longley, Senior Local Plans Officer for the Borough Council, had been circulated with the agenda. This answered our request for clarification of the proposed increase from 30 to 40 dwellings at Brook Street, Burton. There was lengthy discussion during which Mr Oakland expressed the view that the Borough had ignored many if not all of the reasoned observations made in our response a year ago. It was agreed to await the imminent published proposals, which will allow a six week period for response, and to discuss them at the next meeting. In the meantime, the formal notice, when received, will be posted on the Burton Village Notice Board and copies distributed to all households in Brook Street and Somerset Close.

## **8 POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE, BURTON**

ADAS have now resubmitted their report to CBC Environmental Health Services. Mr Shields advises that he has just received a copy and it will be discussed in Committee on 30th September. Full details should be available for our next meeting.

## **9 ENVIRONMENT**

**9.1 The Common/Travellers.** The most recent visitors had gone by the end of August and seem to have been little trouble. Trevor Eggleston was unconcerned by their presence close to his property. No response was received to our requests to the Environment Agency and to the Duke of Somerset's Agent. No further action will be taken at this time.

**9.2 Lion's Mouth Fountain.** The Clerk finally made contact with Mr Edmondson yesterday. He is having second thoughts, having been advised that he may be taking on unwanted liabilities. After discussion, he had agreed to give it more thought and revert in a week or two.

**9.3 St. Philips Road Footway.** Peter Blitz has admitted that no progress has been made and has been asked to produce something more positive in the next month, bearing in mind that we expect the Chief Executive at our next meeting and he can expect to be questioned about it.



**9.4 Overgrown Hedge, Loughborough Road, opposite Springfield Close.** This was cut back since the last meeting, to allow the footway to be relaid. It is not clear who arranged it.

**9.5 Bench in Burton square.** A contractor recommended by the Borough Council, Dave Allen, has advised that the bench is beyond repair. It was agreed that a bench commissioned by the Borough Council would not be suitable. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that an order be placed with Neptune Outdoor Furniture Ltd for a 'Southampton' bench, similar to the existing seat, at an indicated cost of £259.00 plus installation and removal of the existing seat and VAT. This would be charged to the Capital Account.

**9.6 Litter Bins** Mrs Saunders has asked that the bin from outside Wheelers old shop be transferred to the top of Huntingdon Close and the Clerk will progress this.

## **10 TRAFFIC/HIGHWAYS**

**10.1 Parking at Burton Primary School.** Following discussion with the Headmaster, Mr Topham has arranged for David East from the County Council to meet with them both at the school on 7th October. The Clerk will write to confirm this arrangement.

**10.2 LCC resurfacing work.** No response has yet been received to our request that footway resurfacing on Barrow Road be continued down to the square. Work is currently taking place at the B676\B675 junction opposite Prestwold Hall, to ease this turning for long vehicles. The drainage scheme on Melton Road has commenced this week and the Chairman advised that two new drainage points are being installed on the north side to run off water coming down the hill. It is hoped that improvements to the camber of the road in this area can be arranged at a later date.

**10.3 Barrow Road/B675 junction.** Mr Shields has had it drawn to his attention that there is a blind spot for traffic exiting Barrow Road caused by a traffic sign on the hill facing traffic coming from Prestwold. This is dangerous and the Clerk will raise the matter with the County Highways.

**10.4 Stanford Lane, Cotes.** Following an initial more encouraging verbal intimation, Ian Vears of the County Department of Planning & Transportation has advised that the Committee will not sanction a weight restriction on Stanford Lane, on grounds of cost. They are prepared to install "not suitable for Heavy Vehicle" signs which, whilst not enforceable at law, should have a deterrent effect. Even this, though, is subject to agreement of Notts. County Council, the last twenty yards or so at the Stanford end being in their territory.

Coincidentally a notice of closure of Stanford Lane for 10 weeks from 1st September for bridge strengthening works was received and the Clerk asked



that the weight restriction be reconsidered in the light of potential savings on this work if heavy vehicles are banned. To date no reply has been received though the closure has not been effected. Mrs Spicer will advise Mrs Byass of the situation.

**10.5 Speeding in Burton.** A letter dated 22nd August from Inspector Boulton of the Quorn Local Policing Unit was read, advising that two specialist motorcycles have been in Burton on Tuesdays for the last month, but more car drivers than motorcyclists had been prosecuted for speeding.

It was noted that there had been a fatal accident on Loughborough Road, Burton in the early hours of this morning. BBC Radio Leicester have asked to do a short interview with the Chairman or Clerk about traffic problems in the village, on Thursday morning. It was agreed that use should be made of this opportunity to draw attention to the Council's desire for improvements.

## **11 FINANCIAL REPORT**

A VAT refund of £223.22 had been received, offset by the payments approved at the last meeting, totalling £455.30. The balance in the Current Account/Business Reserve is £6300.94.

The County Association has advised that it is proposed that audit fees be increased by 3.9% from November. Comments were invited and we have protested that this is out of line with inflation.

The Clerk, in conversation with Chris Tambini of the auditors, Coopers and Lybrand, has had it confirmed that fixed asset purchases such as the photocopier can be charged to the Capital Account.

## **12 CLERK'S REMUNERATION**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Topham and carried unanimously that the Clerk's salary be increased by 2.5%, backdated to 1st April, as recommended by the NALC and that he be upgraded from grade 15 to grade 16 on 1st August following completion of one year's satisfactory service. These measures increase the salary, in two stages, from £1500 to £1575 p.a.

## **13 MISCELLANEOUS**

**13.1 Village Post Offices.** A recent LARAPALC circular notes that Burton has recently lost its Post Office and advises that it may be possible to set up facilities in a village hall, where a need can be proven. The Clerk was instructed to make further enquiries.



**13.2 Leicestershire Archaeological Network.** This organisation wishes to appoint volunteer wardens wherever possible. It was agreed to see whether Peter Shaw would be interested.

**13.3 County Service.** This will be held at St. Thomas', South Wigston on 19th October.

**13.4 Prestwold Estate Boundary Wall.** Mr Shields advised that this wall is deteriorating further and already there are gaps where it has fallen and not been repaired. Some time ago Simon Packe-Drury Lowe had indicated that he would erect a post and wire fence but nothing has happened. Mr Shields will pursue this further and Mr Moyle will raise it with Edward Packe-Drury-Lowe.

#### **14 CHEQUES**

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Cornhill Insurance	£205.63	playground
K.W. Davies	13.51	August expenses
P & J Services	321.95	August maintenance
Cornhill Insurance	346.74	Village Hall
Viking Direct	135.60	Toner, ink jets etc.

#### **15 PRESS RELEASE**

This is to cover speeding in Burton, Stanford Lane Cotes, the Local Plan and the Poultry Farm

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.



**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 12th August 1997, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D. Minkley (Chairman)  
Mr R. Moyle (Vice Chairman)  
Mr M. Oakland  
Mrs M. Pickford  
Mrs R. Saunders  
Mrs L. Spicer  
Mr K. Topham

Mr K.W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R. Shields (Borough Councillor)  
Two Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES**

All members were present.

**2 CO-OPTION OF MRS DIANA EDMONDS TO THE COUNCIL**

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously that that Mrs Diana Edmonds be co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Parish Council. Mrs Edmonds signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office and joined the Meeting at once.

**3 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting, 10th June, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**4 MATTERS ARISING**

**Liaison Meeting with CBC Chief Executive (Item 3).** Mr Peatfield was unable to attend tonight's meeting and now hopes to come on 14th October. It was agreed that he should be advised that Councillors will wish to discuss apparent changes to the Draft Local Plan.

**Water Supply to Allotments and Burial Ground.(Item 3)** Short lengths of hose have now been fitted to each tap to facilitate filling watering cans etc.

**Parish Noticeboards (Item 13.2).** CBC have responded advising that the Policy and Finance Committee will assess the situation in September or October.

**'How to Stop and Influence Planning Permission' (Item 13.6).** This book has now been received.

**Speeding through Burton.(Item 13.9).** An acknowledgment was received from Inspector Boulton to the letter sent following the last meeting. Police motor cyclists have since been noted in the village on Tuesday evenings. Mr Topham has written to the Police at Quorn about the situation but has received no reply. It was agreed to ask Inspector Boulton for a formal response.

## **5 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION**

Mrs Saunders advised that the Midsummer Fete had raised approx £480 despite inclement weather. The Headmaster, Mr Craig, had kindly allowed the use of the School Hall at short notice to transfer some activities indoors.

The maintenance contractors, P & J, have trimmed back the hedge around the burial ground and it was agreed to accept their price of £120.00 for this.

## **6 BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

There was nothing to report.

## **7 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**New Covert Farm, Hoton.** Councillor Shields advised that the Secretary of State had decided not to call in this application. CBC are awaiting revised drawings but will then issue permission. The campaign against the development has at least resulted in certain restrictions being applied which will make the Showmen's Yard less objectionable.

**Hangar 4, Wymeswold Airfield.** A letter from CBC dated 8th August was read advising the intention to issue Pall-Ex (U.K.) Ltd with a Stop Notice effective end September. Councillor Shields advised that there are further applications on hand concerning Hangar 4 including one, reference 1023, to allow access from Wymeswold Lane. He also passed over to the Clerk copies of correspondence from Pall-Ex. It was agreed to support the CBC Stop Notice, with the proviso that it should not be extended, and to ask for details of other Applications in respect of Hangar 4.





**40 Wymeswold Lane (Peberdy).** A further modification, dated 19th June, had been received during the Parish Council summer break and no objection had been raised.

**Prestwold Hall/Wymeswold Airfield 'recreational activities'.** A copy of the previous (1993) consent had been received from CBC, confirming that current activities should take place on no more than 40 days per year and not on Sundays or Bank Holidays. A copy of the Clerk's letter dated 11th June is to be circulated to Parish Councillors. Councillor Shields advised that CBC have not yet considered this application.

**Diamond Cable site, Wymeswold Airfield.** Details had been received during the summer break and an objection raised on the grounds that this site is outside the approved industrial area on the airfield. Councillor Shields confirmed the recent press report that these contractors are to move off the airfield to a site in Loughborough following refusal of planning permission.

**Valley Farm, Melton Road, Burton (Mr & Mrs R Eggleston).** This application for retention of a detached block of three stables to the side of a farmhouse had been received during the recess and no objection raised.

**7 St. Marys Close, Burton (Mr & Mrs Adcock).** This application for an extension for Porch was received during the recess and no objection raised.

**Manor Farmhouse, Stanford Lane, Cotes (Mr & Mrs K.P. Byass).** This applications for an extension to porch had been received during the recess and no objection raised.

**78 Melton Road, Burton (Mr & Mrs J. Bantick).** This application for a double garage with haystore to replace an existing structure had been received during the recess and no objection raised.

**Local Plan.** A letter dated 18th June from the Programme Officer advises that the inquiry will begin on 18th November and asks for confirmation that our existing representations still stand. An affirmative reply was sent by 1st August, as requested.

There are press reports that the Brook Street, Burton development is to be increased from 30 homes to 40. The Clerk will seek clarification from CBC before the next meeting.

## **8 POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE**

Beverly Green of CBC Environmental Health Services advises that an amended draft of the ADAS report is awaited. This is expected by end August. Councillor Shields has received further complaints recently; unload-



ing grain at 10.30 p.m. in addition to the more usual problems. Invited to comment, an Elector present advised that he had been in recent correspondence with Mr Fisk, with no satisfactory outcome.. The overall situation is no better. It is understood that another new manager has taken over.

## 9 ENVIRONMENT

**The Common/Travellers.** A group of travellers appeared two days ago, the first for several months. They are encamped to the east of Horse Leys Farm. The Chairman will talk to Mr Trevor Eggleston and the Clerk will resume correspondence with the Agent for the Duke of Somerset and with the Environment Agency.

**Lion's Mouth Fountain.** Despite several telephone calls and a letter from the Clerk dated 17th July, there has been total silence from Mr Edmondson. The reasons for this are not known but throw doubt on his willingness to proceed. The Chairman will endeavour to progress the situation.

**St Philips Road footway.** Peter Blitz of CBC advises that he will check with the Housing Association in London as to the current status of of the Charlbury Housing Association. Clearly this matter has a low priority with the Borough Council but we shall continue to press for further progress.

**Highway Maintenance.** A letter from the LCC Divisional Engineer dated 26th June indicates that investigations are taking place for a small scheme to improve drainage of surface water from Melton Road. It is hoped to complete some work this year. The Barrow Road/Springfield Close footpath is to be repaired and this has, in fact, now been done.

The major work on the B675 between the old school and the Loughborough turning is almost complete, as are various works on Barrow Road and Brickwood Close in Burton. Mrs Saunders noted that the footway repairs on Barrow Road had stopped some way short of the village centre and this will be queried.

Mr Topham noted that the hedge was overgrown on the Prestwold Estate bordering Loughborough Road at the westward side of Burton, causing pedestrians to step out into the busy road, and the Estate managers will be asked to attend to this.

Mr Oakland commented that grass cutting alongside the footpath at the end of Brook Street and clearance of the banks of the stream left much to be desired and Councillor Shields undertook to report this to CBC.

**Traffic at Burton Primary School.** David East of LCC had telephoned in response to our letter, Peter Smyth having retired. It is not thought that double yellow lines outside the school would solve the problem. Motorists are allowed to pick up and set down on yellow lines. Since the correspon-



dence in December 1995, hedges on the corners of Towles Field had been reduced in height which is felt to assist visibility. Road signs have been renewed and improved during the recent roadworks. Could the Headmaster talk to parents and seek their co-operation? Mr East could come out to Burton, perhaps in September, to look at the situation again but will wait to hear from us, perhaps after the start of the winter term when Mr Topham has had a chance to convey these comments to the Headmaster.

**Millennium.** The sub-committee has not yet met, pending some progress on the Lion's Head situation. Charnwood Borough has provisionally allocated £30,000 for millennium celebrations which includes £500 each for 30 parishes.

**Stanford Lane, Cotes.** The traffic survey expected to take place in June was cancelled by LCC and, following our protests, was reinstated last week. Mr Vears advised this morning that 536 cars and three Heavy Goods Vehicles were noted. The report must now go before the Highways and Waste Management Committee but, if they agree to proceed, could take as long as 18 months to go through the consultation process. In the interim it may be possible to put up "unsuitable for heavy vehicle" signs which, although not legally enforceable, may well have a deterrent effect.

**Street Cleansing.** Michael Cameron, Assistant Cleansing Manager for CBC, called on the Clerk following our letter dated 13th June. Copies of the Schedules he left have been circulated. It is clear though that these schedules are not rigorously adhered to and we shall need to monitor the situation.

**Grass cutting in Springfield Close.** Following a complaint to the Clerk by Mr Roy Davies, attempts were made to contact Mr Johnson of LCC Highways, Northern Division, so far without success.

**Bench in Burton square.** The Chairman advised that the bench by the bus stop is in poor condition, the concrete supports having broken away exposing the reinforcing bars, and one of the wooden slats has broken loose. The Clerk will get quotations for repair and check whether an insurance claim can be raised.

## **10 APPROVAL OF ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 1997.**

The Income and Expenditure Account (showing net income of £3171), Balance Sheet, Notes and Supporting Statement, drawn up in the new format, had been circulated with the Agenda and the Clerk explained that they had been submitted to the new Auditors, Coopers and Lybrand, during July. After several questions had been answered, it was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mrs Edmonds and carried unanimously that these Accounts be approved.

The auditors had commented verbally that our reserves seemed high, with particular reference to the Capital Reserve, currently £21,762.51. It is not known whether they will comment in their written report, but it was noted that this is not a large sum in terms of substantive capital developments though the potential repairs to the Village Hall and/or Millennium celebrations may provide an outlet.

The Clerk had discussed cheque signing arrangements with the auditor. It was confirmed that the requirement is for two cheque signatories, the counterfoils to be initialled by both, no receipt required so long as there is an invoice and no requirement to obtain paid cheques from the Bank. It was agreed to follow this procedure from here on, though continuing to obtain paid cheques from Natwest so long as they do not charge for this service.

## **11 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The Current Account/Business Reserve stands at £6533.02. The annual review of electricity direct debit charges has resulted in reductions from £77.50 to £62.55 per month for the Village Hall and from £9.00 to £8.00 in the case of the Pavilion. The following cheque payments, made during the summer recess, were authorised:

Cornhill Insurance - PFA Public Liability	£156.00
P & J Services - June maintenance	£254.98
K.W.Davies - salary & expenses	447.72

## **12 INSURANCE**

Cornhill Insurance had advised that their minimum for Public Liability now stood at £150.00 plus tax and the PFA Invoice had been paid on that basis, as shown above.

There has been correspondence with Cornhill about the handbells on loan to the school as a result of which an endorsement has been issued absolving them from liability for loss, damage or destruction whilst in use and accidental damage. Mr Topham is to ascertain what measures the school have taken to ensure the safe and secure storage of the bells, once the new term starts.

## **13 CLERK'S REMUNERATION/OFFICE ALLOWANCE**

There has still been no news of the recommended salary increase due from 1st April. Mr Topham suggested that the allowance for office accommodation should be reviewed without further delay. This allowance has stood at £200 at least since 1987/88 which is as far back as we have records. It was agreed that this figure should be increased to £300 per annum with effect from 1st April 1997.



## 14 MISCELLANEOUS

**14.1. CBC Mayor and Consort's Reception 13th August.** This invitation had been circulated to the Chairman and lady members.

**14.2 CBC Mayor's Indoor Charity Indoor Bowls 3rd September.** Details were advised.

**14.3 CBC assistance for Festive Lighting.** A letter dated 19th June was read but was felt to have no application here.

**14.4 CBC Home Repair Grants.** Details were read and a poster will be displayed on Notice Boards.

**14.5 Burton on the Wolds Youth Club.** A letter dated 1st August had been received from Mrs Fiona Malekpour who is planning to reopen the Youth Club, requesting a 'start-up grant'. Mrs Malekpour was in attendance and was invited to give further details, which she did. Snooker/pool tables need recovering, board games replacing and stocks of drinks, stationery etc., will be needed.

The Chairman, in response, felt sure that the Parish Council would wish to help but would require details of specific, costed items. It may be that some villagers will wish to make personal contributions. Other councillors expressed support and Mrs Edmonds suggested it might be possible to utilise the available capital funds. Mr Oakland, whilst supportive, cautioned the need to be aware of possible expensive repairs to the Village hall.

**14.6 Charnwood Forest Housing Association.** The Association advised at the end of July that the tenant of 17 Towles Field, Miss Cudbill wanted to transfer to Loughborough and an exchange could be organised with a Miss Thomason who, although she has no family in Burton, lived here as a child and has friends in the village. Since Miss Cudbill would only move out on an exchange basis, this proposal had been agreed.


**14.7 Village Lock-Up Association.** This organisation is compiling a survey of village lock-ups, stocks etc and had sent a questionnaire. No Councillors had any information but it was felt that Peter Shaw of Barrow Road may be able to help.

## 15 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

K.W. Davies	expenses August	£47.57
P & J Services	maint. July	337.23

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**16 PRESS RELEASE**

The co-option of Mrs Edmonds, Travellers on the Common, Poultry Farm and Youth Club will be featured..

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.50 p.m.

**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 10th June 1997, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D. Minkley (Chairman)  
Mr R. Moyle (Vice Chairman)  
Mr M. Oakland  
Mrs M. Pickford  
Mrs R. Saunders  
Mrs L. Spicer  
Mr K. Topham

Mr K.W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr R. Shields (Borough Councillor)  
Four Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES**

All members were present.

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting, 13th May, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Photocopier (Item 3).** A Xerox 5305 machine has been purchased from Viking Direct at a cost of £389.99 plus VAT, with three year guarantee.

**Water supply (Item 7).** The Clerk has still to arrange for short lengths of hose to be fitted to the two new taps.

**Liaison Meeting with CBC Chief Executive (Item 15.2).** An invitation had been extended to Mr Peatfield to attend tonight's meeting but he was unable to do so. He hopes to attend the August meeting, at 7.30 p.m.

**4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION**

Mrs Saunders reported that there has been another attempted break-in to the garage, fortunately unsuccessful. The Cricket Club have effected temporary repairs. It will probably be necessary to fit a bar across the doors for extra security and the PFA will pay for this.



The Midsummer Fete is being held on Sunday 22nd June as the major fundraising event of the year. Formal permission from the Parish Council is required and this was given.

## **5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

There was nothing to report.

## **6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**New Covert Farm, Hoton.** Mr Shields advised that this issue will come before the full Charnwood Council once again next week, with a recommendation from the Planning Committee that it be approved.

**Hangar 4, Wymeswold Airfield.** There is no further news since we wrote opposing the existing use following the last meeting, and no application has been received concerning the remainder of the hangar. Mr Shields understands that the operator is contemplating access to Wymeswold Lane at a point closer to Burton than the existing Industrial Estate access.

**Johnson & Smith (Diamond Cable) site, Wymeswold Airfield.** Mr Shields advised that the Borough Council have this operation, for which still no Planning Application has been received, under review.

**Motorised recreational facilities at Prestwold Hall and Wymeswold Airfield.** There was a full debate on this application by the Trustees of Prestwold 1966 Settlement and Everyman Country Pursuits for a wide range of activities involving vehicles ranging from karts to buses, to take place on an extensive area of the parkland surrounding the Hall and on the airfield. It was noted that this provided for more intensive use than under the previous (1993) permission and moved the noisier activities further from Hoton but closer to Prestwold and Burton.

It was decided to strongly oppose the application on grounds of noise, frequency, closer proximity to our parishes, safety (a public footpath runs very close to proposed activities near Prestwold) and associated traffic. The applicants' contention that there is an adequate tree screen between the proposed kart activities and Burton would be contested, as would the contention that there have been few complaints about existing activities.

Invited to comment, Electors present expressed the view that recent activities had been unacceptably noisy. They wish to make their own protests and were given details of where to lodge complaints. It was noted that residents in Prestwold had received direct advice from Charnwood Borough about these proposals, but residents of Burton had not. The Clerk will ask Charnwood to write to Burton residents, particularly those closest to the airfield.

**40 Wymeswold Lane (Peberdy).** A letter dated 12th May from the Head of Development Control at Charnwood was read pointing out that, once in occupation, a dwelling can be extended by up to 70 cubic metres without planning permission.

**7 MEETING BETWEEN CHARNWOOD BOROUGH COUNCIL AND PARISH COUNCILS, 2.6.97.**

Mr Topham and the Clerk had attended this meeting. Of particular interest was the issue of street cleansing, where a number of criticisms had been aired, particularly with regards to Mr Cameron, the Assistant Cleansing Manager of Charnwood Council. It was agreed to reiterate our request earlier this year for more specific information about the programme for our parishes, in particular the frequency of street and pavement cleaning and also details of just which streets are covered.

**8 POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE**

There has been no further news from Charnwood. Mr Shields advised that the Borough Council have received a preliminary report which they must discuss and agree with ADAS before release.

**9 THE COMMON/TRAVELLERS**

There has been no response to our letter 17th May addressed to the Duke of Somerset's Resident Agent. A small group of gypsies moved on to the Common to the east of Horse Leys farm immediately after the last meeting but were gone within a fortnight. Mr Shields had noted an apparent reconnaissance of the 'Twenty Acre Field' towards Six Hills by travellers recently.

**10 ENVIRONMENT**

**Lions Mouth Fountain.** The Chairman and Clerk had met with Stephen Edmondson of 3 Hall Drive recently and he had expressed his willingness to make the fountain over to the Parish Council. This was on the basis that the fountain (both the stone and metal work) was deteriorating alarmingly and that grants would be available to the Council for remedial work which would not be available to a private householder. A lithograph, property of Mr & Mrs John Worsley, was shown to the meeting, illustrating the appearance of the fountain in 1880. This could be used as a basis for restoration.

It was proposed Mrs Pickford, seconded Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously that the Council enter negotiations to take over the fountain from Mr Edmondson. Ken Byass will be approached to prepare the necessary documentation and the Clerk will pursue the various grant possibilities. A contractor will need to be identified and it was felt that English Heritage and the National Trust may be able to help.

**St Philips Road footway.** Mr Buckingham has advised that the search by Peter Blitz revealed that Charlbury Housing Association, now defunct, were the last registered owners of this land. Now they will check with the Housing Corporation to find out if any arrangements were made regarding their assets. If not, an approach can be made to Company Registry but this is costly and Charnwood may be disinclined. In that case, compulsory purchase may be the answer. Mr Buckingham reiterated that the Parks Department are willing to adopt this footway once the legal obstacles are cleared.

**Highway Maintenance.** A letter from the LCC Divisional Engineer dated 12th May was read, giving details of the provisional programme for our area. The major scheme, on the B675 between the Loughborough and Burton turnings, is already under way.

The Chairman had met with a surveyor who was looking at the stretch of Melton Road from the garage to Sowters Lane where there were a number of problems. The clerk will write to the Divisional Engineer asking what is proposed for this section and also drawing attention to subsidence at a gas main repair opposite Bantick's house on Melton Road. Mr Topham asked that attention be drawn to the footpath between Barrow Road and Springfield Close which is deteriorating, particularly around a manhole cover at the Springfield Close end.

Mr Topham also mentioned that the School Governors were concerned about parking at the junction of Towles Field and Barrow Road. It was agreed to support their request for double yellow lines at this point. Problems at this point had been taken up with the County authorities in February 1996 and it was agreed to reopen this correspondence. Mrs Saunders will arrange for the School sign alongside the Playing Field, which is partly obscured by foliage, to be cleared.

There was concern about traffic approaching the mini-roundabout without due care from the Loughborough direction. Mrs Saunders had spoken to Mr Speedwell requesting that the warning side be moved further westwards.

**Millennium Green.** A letter from Andrew Granger & Co was read, suggesting that direct contact be made with Mr Simon Packe-Drury-Lowe regarding land for a Green. After discussion it was decided not to pursue this possibility as it appears that we are unlikely to meet the criteria and may have difficulty in raising the 50% finance (which includes gifts of land).

The Chairman emphasised the importance of marking the millennium and it was agreed to set up a sub-committee consisting of the Chairman, Mrs Saunders, Mr Topham and the Clerk to look into appropriate ways of doing this. A possible site would be the land alongside the village hall and the clerk will establish the ownership of this.



**Stanford Lane, Cotes.** Mr Vears of the County Council indicated about a fortnight ago that the survey would take place about now.

**Maintenance.** It was clarified that part of the P & J contract is to keep clear the area between the burial ground and the road, at a cost of £50.00 per annum.

**Rural Strategy Conference.** No action will be taken regarding this Conference, organised by LCC and others.

## **11 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The allotment rents have been received, back up to £280.00 this year, and the current account/business reserve stands at £8833.90

Since there is no meeting in July, it was agreed that urgent payments would be processed and paid, then authorised at the August meeting.

## **12 INSURANCE**

The result of the additions made to the Policy last time is to increase the premium by £6.35. Mr Topham has established that the School do not insure the handbells - they have no insurance cover whatever. The Clerk will check that our insurance covers the handbells whilst they are located at the school.

The Policy was produced and questions answered regarding the extent of cover.

## **13 MISCELLANEOUS**

**13.1. LCC Department of Planning & Transportation.** A circular advising contact telephone numbers had been circulated with the Agenda.

**13.2. Parish Notice Boards.** A letter from Charnwood Borough Administrative Services was read asking for information about Parish Noticeboards with a view to possible joint provision in future. It was agreed to supply this information.

**13.3. Circular from Sue Waddington, MEP.** This advises that the Boundary Commission is contemplating transferring Loughborough from the Leicester Euro constituency to Nottingham and requests support in opposing this plan. It was agreed to do this.

**13.4. Bonfires.** Mrs Chemney of 11 Hall Drive, Burton asks, at the suggestion of Dr Evans, that the Council insert an item in its Link summary requesting villagers to have consideration for neighbours when lighting bonfires. It was felt that this was not a matter in which the Council should involve itself.

**13.5. Victim Support.** We are invited to the AGM tomorrow but it was felt that notice was too short.

**13.6. 'How to Stop and Influence Planning Permission'.** It was agreed to purchase a copy of this book at a cost of £10.50.

**13.7. LARAPLC AGM.** This is also tomorrow and the notice is too short. The previous Minutes, Annual Report etc., will be circulated.

**13.8 'Country Life can be Hard'.** Leaflets under this title received from the Citizens Advice Bureau were circulated.

**13.9. Speeding through Burton.** Mrs Saunders reported that motor cycles are speeding through Burton at around 8 p.m. on Tuesdays, en route to 'Bikers Nights' at the Wild Ox, Six Hills. The Police will be asked to take appropriate action.

**13.10. Waymarking.** Mrs Saunders has heard that the Ramblers Association may object to the diversions discussed at our last meeting. If they do, Mrs Saunders will advise the Clerk who will protest at this potential further delay.

#### **14 CHEQUES**

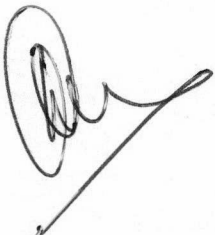
The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Cornhill Insurance - Council Policy	£578.45
P & J Services - May	£313.73
K.W.Davies - expenses	£57.08
Viking Direct - stationery	£63.04
- photocopier	£460.54

#### **15 PRESS RELEASE**

There were no items for release.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 9.20 p.m.



**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th May 1997, commencing at 8.00 p.m.**

Present:

Mr D. Minkley (Chairman)  
Mr R. Moyle (Vice Chairman)  
Mr M. Oakland  
Mrs M. Pickford  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mrs L. Spicer  
Mr K. Topham

Mr K. W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mrs D. Goodman (County Councillor)  
Mr R. Shields (Borough Councillor)  
Three Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence but the Chairman read a letter received today from Mr Graham Brewin tendering his resignation from the Council. This was accepted and notice of a vacancy will be displayed on the Burton Notice Board. Should there be no demand for a bye election within the specified period, then the Council can co-opt a replacement.

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting, 8th April , were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Photocopier (Item 3).** The Clerk and Mr Bissett had not been able to link up to inspect the Makro model. Alternatives were available from Viking Direct in the form of two Rank Xerox machines, one a basic model at £389.99 and the other a somewhat more sophisticated model with facilities for multiple copies at £429.99, both excluding VAT but with three year warranties and 'hot line' support. It was agreed that the Clerk should purchase the most suitable model between these and the Makro example after making comparisons.

Once this has been arranged, the Clerk will advise bodies such as the Village Hall Management Committee, PFA etc., that a copying service is available at 5p per copy.

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**Spring Clean (Item 9).** It was confirmed that this had been cancelled following consultation with Mrs Saunders.

**Circulation of papers (Item 12.3).** It had been identified that the hold-ups had been with Mr Brewin and the problem should not recur. It was agreed that Councillors would endeavour to pass on 'round robin' material within three days.

**LRCC Survey (Item 12.6).** This had been completed and sent off. The Clerk thanked Mrs Spicer and Mr Moyle for their help with the Cotes and Prestwold survey

**Electoral Register (Item 12.11).** The Garage (Wolds Convenience Store) had agreed to hold the Register for inspection on request and it was now lodged there. CBC have been advised of the change.

#### **4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION**

Mrs Saunders advised that the PFA AGM would be held on 19th May. The new grass cutting contractors have started work satisfactorily.

#### **5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

The Management Committee have received a letter from Loss Adjusters acting on behalf of Cornhill Insurance, a copy of which was read. Further news is awaited.

#### **6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**CBC decisions.** Permission had been granted in respect of the recent applications concerning Woodside Cottage, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold - 34 Seymour Road, Burton and 6 Springfield Close, Burton. Permission had been refused for erection of a house at the rear of School Cottage, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold.

**CPRE.** A letter from CPRE date 1st May was read, in which they offer assistance in planning cases.

**New Covert Farm, Hoton (Showmen's Proposed site).** Mr Shields updated the meeting on latest developments. The full Charnwood Council has again referred the issue back to the Planning Committee. Attempts are being made to involve the new MP, Andy Reed. It appears that that the site is larger than previously indicated and as many as 60/80 caravans could park on the 20 sites.

**Hangar 4, Wymeswold Airfield.** Formal application for a Certificate of Lawfulness of an Existing Use in respect of part of this hangar has now been received. A letter dated 8th May had also been received from Mr Blitz, the

CBC Area Planning Officer following our enquiry about current policy as regards the Airfield and copies of this correspondence were circulated. It was agreed to oppose the application on grounds that there has been no proven continuous use, that it is outside the approved industrial development area of both the previous North Wolds Plan and the current draft Local Plan and because of the associated traffic problems.

**Johnson & Smith site, Wymeswold Airfield.** Mr Shields advised that this site, off Wymeswold Road, had been set up without authorisation in connection with the Diamond Cable (Television) operations in the Loughborough area. Hoton Parish Council are objecting to it.

**13 Hall Drive, Burton, extensions to rear (Ross).** There was no objection to this application.

**18 Springfield Close, Burton, extension to rear (Tompsett).** An application received after the last meeting for response before today had been unopposed after consultation. Now a further extension, for a conservatory, had been lodged and again there was no objection.

**The Cowsheds, Prestwold Hall, conversion to four bedroom dwelling (Trustees of Prestwold 1966 Settlement).** There was no objection so long as the development is in harmony with its surroundings.

**15 Hall Drive, Burton - extension to side (Farrow).** No objection.

**Cliff Farm, Melton Road, Burton - erection of Crop Store (Bailey).** This is a notification of intent under the Permitted Development Order (PDO) provisions. It was agreed that no action was required.

## **7 WATER SUPPLY TO ALLOTMENTS AND BURIAL GROUND**

All work has now been satisfactorily completed and the water is flowing. Mr Andrews of the Allotment Society had pointed out that it is not possible to get a bucket or watering can under the tap and he proposed to attach a short length of hose to make this possible. The clerk will check whether a similar arrangement will be needed on the burial ground side.

## **8 POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE**

A letter dated 23rd April from Mr Fisk was read, responding to our request for details of the survey to be carried out by ADAS.

## **9 THE COMMON/TRAVELLERS**

Letters from the Environment Agency dated 22nd April and from Mr Milledge, now the Resident Agent to the Duke of Somerset, dated 1st May, were read. Since the last meeting there has been an encampment for several weeks but



this has now gone. Extensive ditching has been carried out at the western end of the Common and Mrs Saunders understands that this was the work of Mr Dodd of Hurst Hill Farm. A load of poultry manure has been deposited in this area. From conversations the Clerk has had with Mr Milledge, it appears that he was not consulted about these operations. It was agreed to respond to Mr Milledge agreeing with his view that physical barriers are the only means of keeping travellers off the Common but pointing out that access for legitimate users needs to be kept in mind. It seems that, despite the latest ditching work, access is still possible higher up in the vicinity of Horse Leys Farm.

## **10 WAYMARKING**

A letter from the County Council dated 25th April with proposals for the realignment of various rights of way on and around the Prestwold Estate had been circulated with the Agenda. It was agreed to respond raising no objection.

## **11 ENVIRONMENT**

**Lions Mouth Fountain.** Both CBC and LCC have now indicated that 50% grants may well be available but they cannot be given to private individuals. Only if the fountain is made over to the Parish Council in some acceptable way can such grants be considered. It was agreed that the Clerk would set up a meeting involving the Chairman and Mr Edmondson to progress the matter, if possible.

**St Philips Road footway.** Mr Buckingham of CBC advises that Mr Blitz has applied to the Land Registry to try to establish ownership.

**Dogs (Fouling of Land )Act 1996.** This item had been deferred from the last meeting. It was agreed that it would be impracticable for the Parish Council to take any action.

**Highways.** Since the last meeting it had been noted that once again there was subsidence at the 'T' junction of the B675/676 outside Prestwold Hall. This had been reported and promptly attended to by LCC.

**Street Cleaning.** In a verbal response to our letter following the last meeting, CBC indicated that there is no regular cycle for cleaning in the Wolds villages. They clean only when there is a buildup. They promise to check the current situation and attend to the pavements as well as the roadways next time.

**Removal of Tree, St Leonards Close, Burton.** Mr Brewin had advised the clerk that a tree adjoining the Poultry Farm in St Leonards Close had been cut down and that local residents were concerned as to who had authorised this. There was also concern about a powder which had been

used to treat the the remaining stump. It transpired that LCC had arranged this, through a contractor, following request from a local resident though it is not clear who this was. The powder is not dangerous but they will instruct the contractors to use something soluble in future. They will replace the tree with something more suitable in the next growing season.

**Millennium Green.** A letter from the Countryside Commission dated 14th April giving further details was read. Mr Oakland had studied the leaflet supplied and it was apparent that no grants would be available in such contexts as the proposed new development on the pig farm site. It was agreed to approach the Prestwold Hall Estate to see whether they would make land available for a Millennium Green, on the North side of the village at the end of Seymour Road.

**Burial Ground.** Mrs Saunders said there was a lot of litter at the burial ground. The clerk will check on the new contractor's terms of reference and advise.

## **12 FINANCIAL REPORT**

The first instalment of the precept has been received together with a VAT refund. These together with the payments authorised at the last meeting resulted in a nett increase in funds of £3426.85 taking business funds to £9445.44.

Various stationery requirements are needed, an ink jet cartridge, laser paper and laminating pouches. The Clerk was authorised to purchase these from Viking Direct.

Arrangements for the audit under the new regulations by Coopers and Lybrand have now been advised and the Clerk has this in hand.

## **13 INVENTORY/INSURANCE**

It was agreed to add to the Inventory the Burial Ground Notice Board and the water installations at the Allotments and Burial Ground. The Insurers will be advised accordingly. Their Renewal Summary has been received totalling £572.10 and details were circulated. There is a premium increase of 15% but no doubt this will now be amended for the additions.

The Clerk will produce the Policy at the next meeting for discussion.

Mr Topham will enquire whether the school wish to take over the handbells and make their own insurance arrangements.

## **14 CLERK'S CONTRACT OF EMPLOYMENT**

This item was deferred from the last meeting. It was proposed Mr Topham,

seconded Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously that the draft document circulated be approved and implemented.

## 15 MISCELLANEOUS

**15.1 CBC Annual Meeting with Parishes.** This will be on 2nd June and it was agreed that Mr Topham and the Clerk will attend.

**15.2 Liaison Meeting with CBC Chief Executive.** Mr Peatfield has requested a meeting and it was agreed to invite him to our June meeting.

**15.3 CBC Recycling Scheme.** David Cannon, recycling officer has volunteered to address the Council regarding the new 'green bin' recycling scheme. It was felt that this would not be necessary since full details have been circulated to all households.

**15.4 Charnwood Design Awards.** CBC have requested nominations but it was agreed that we have none to make.

**15.5 LARAPLC Elections** (The LAPLC has been redesignated to include Rutland following the recent changes). It was agreed to support the nomination of Mrs Pullen as Vice Chairman.

**15.6 Charnwood Citizens Advice Bureau.** An invitation to their AGM tomorrow was not taken up.

**15.7 Stanford Lane, Cotes.** Nothing further has been heard from LCC regarding the traffic survey and the Clerk will follow this up.

**15.8 Post Office facilities.** An elector asked whether the Council would support the owner of the garage shop in converting the premises to include a Post Office facility. The Chairman commented that there is concern, particularly amongst the elderly, that there are now no Post Office facilities in Burton. Whilst the Council would support such a facility at the garage, it cannot give financial assistance.

## 16 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Leak-Line Plumbing	£325.00
Severn Trent Water -pavilion	71.36
CBC - lighting	20.45
Shaw & Sons - ledger	48.01
K.W. Davies - expenses	56.19
P & J Services - April	160.98
LAPLC - subscription	123.05

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**17 PRESS RELEASE**

This will include details of the election of officers at the annual meeting and advice that the Electoral Register is again available for inspection.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 10.00 p.m.

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**MINUTES of the Annual Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds,  
Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall,  
Burton on the Wolds on Tuesday 13th May 1997 at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr M. Oakland (Chairman)  
Mr D. Minkley (Vice Chairman)  
Mr R. Moyle  
Mrs M. Pickford  
Mrs R. Saunders  
Mrs L. Spicer  
Mr K. Topham

Mr K.W. Davies (Clerk)

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence

**2 MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous Annual Meeting were read, agreed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising from the previous minutes.

**4 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed Mr Oakland, seconded Mrs Spicer and agreed unanimously that Mr Minkley be elected Chairman.

Mr Minkley then took the Chair.

**5 ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN**

It was proposed Mrs Saunders, seconded Mr Oakland and agreed unanimously that Mr Moyle should be elected Vice Chairman

**6 ELECTION OF DELEGATES**

- 6.1 Burton on the Wolds Playing Field Association Management Committee. It was proposed Mr Topham, seconded Mr Moyle and carried unanimously that Mrs Saunders continue to represent the Parish Council on this Committee.



- 6.2 Burton on the Wolds Village Hall Management Committee. It was proposed Mrs Spicer, seconded Mr Oakland and adopted unanimously that Mrs Pickford should continue to represent the Parish Council on this Committee.
- 6.3 British Gypsum Liaison Committee. Since this Committee is in suspension, it was agreed to be unnecessary to make a nomination.
- 6.4 L A P L C. It was proposed Mr Minkley, seconded Mr Moyle and agreed unanimously that Mrs Spicer and Mr Topham should continue to represent the Parish Council on this Committee.

## **7 INVENTORY OF PARISH PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT.**

The current Inventory had been circulated with the Agenda and a copy is attached at page 2120A. It was agreed that a detailed discussion would take place at the regular meeting following immediately after this.

## **8 ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

The meeting closed at 7.45 p.m.

# INVENTORY

Description	Sum Insured 1996/1997 £	Proposed 1997/1998 £
Gang mower	2745	2800
Timber bus shelter	1363	1404
Timber Notice Boards (3)	568	585
Timber seats (6)	909	937
Handbells (19)	2112	2154
Reconditioned sports motor roller	1030	1051
Garage	1818	1872
Office Desk	79	81
Filing Cabinet	59	60
Amstrad Computer and printers	515	525
Pavilion	28392	29244
Lamp Posts	1201	1237
<u>Playing Field Association</u>		
Play Unit & Slide	4000	4120
Other Playground Equipment	6000	6489
Cricket Sight Screen	465	474
Perimeter Fencing of Tennis Courts	3311	3378

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**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Ward of  
Burton on the Wolds held in Burton Village Hall  
on Tuesday 13th May 1997 at 7.20 p.m.**

Present;

Mr M Oakland (Chairman)  
Mr D Minkley  
Mr R Moyle  
Mrs M Pickford  
Mrs R Saunders  
Mrs L Spicer  
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

**1 APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Mr R Shields.

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting, 13th May 1996, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising other than those covered in the Chairman's Report.

**4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman read his Report, copy attached to these Minutes.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 7.28 p.m.

## **PARISH OF BURTON ON THE WOLDS**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 1996/97**

#### **Charnwood Draft Local Plan**

The Parish Council, whilst accepting that additional housing development may probably take place in Burton on the Wolds, is of the opinion that the rural nature of the village should be protected. The Council is therefore seeking to ensure that the correct planning principles are observed.

The Parish Council is also taking careful note of reports concerning other proposals for large scale development in the area.

#### **Traffic**

Whilst the Parish Council is satisfied with the traffic calming measures so far implemented in Burton on the Wolds, they are fully aware that these do not totally satisfy the aspirations of all residents. With this in mind, they are seeking to condition acceptance of further development in the village with additional road safety measures.

The Parish Council is currently in negotiation with the County Highways Authority over the implementation of a weight limit on Stanford Lane, Cotes.

It is, perhaps, unfortunate that part of the Parish Council's duties include reporting to the Highways Authority the deteriorating state of roads in the parish, since any resurfacing work is usually accompanied by increased speed and traffic density.

We are also very concerned that developments taking place in a piecemeal manner in and around the Wymeswold Industrial Estate are bringing increases in heavy traffic on what is, in our opinion, an unsuitable roads network connecting the Wolds villages. This viewpoint has been consistently rejected by the Charnwood Borough Planning Committees.

#### **Allotments**

The view has been taken that these would benefit from a water supply, to try to ensure that the allotments are fully utilised. This connection has now been made, via a water meter, in time for the growing season and it is hoped that the facility will be appreciated and water sensibly used.

#### **Burial Ground**

The opportunity was taken, when water was laid on to the allotments, to extend the facility to the burial ground.

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## **Playing Field**

The Parish Council continued to assist with the financing of improvements to the the Playing Field and would like to thank the PFA for making this facility so successful.

## **Village Hall**

It is accepted that, because of its age, the Village Hall will require increased spending on maintenance and improvements. The Parish Council intends to continue to support the Village Hall Committee in the upkeep of this facility.

## **The Common**

The Parish Council is aware that, under current legislation, there is nothing it can do to prevent travellers using the Common unless the landowner takes measures to prevent vehicular access.

Despite this position, the Parish Council is actively trying to promote a dialogue between the landowner and the appropriate Government agencies.

## **Poultry Farm, Sowters Lane, Burton on the Wolds**

The latest position is that an independent survey, financed by the Borough of Charnwood, is being undertaken to try to quantify the the effects of smell, dust and noise generated by the operation. The operator has agreed to cooperate with this Survey.

Once the results are known, they will be discussed with the residents most closely affected and with the Borough of Charnwood.

## **Precept**

This year the precept has been reduced by £1000 to £8000. A further decrease was not considered practicable in view of the perceived need to maintain a reasonable balance in case legal advice should need to be obtained in the context of the draft Local Plan and also to contribute to any Millennium celebrations which may be considered.

## **Thanks**

The Chairman expressed his thanks for the support of his fellow Councillors during the year; he was also grateful for the help and advice of Mr Shields and Mrs Goodman, respectively Borough and County Councillors. He wished the Council to express its appreciation of the manner in which the Clerk had taken on the role following the resignation of the previous Clerk and expressed his heartfelt thanks to both of them for their commitment and for their support to him over the period of his Chairmanship.



**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Monday 8th April 1997, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr. M. Oakland (Chairman)  
Mr. D. Minkley  
Mrs. M. Pickford  
Mrs. L. Spicer  
Mr. K. Topham

Mr. K.W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mrs. D. Goodman (County Councillor)  
Mr. R. Shields (Borough Councillor)  
Two Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2 MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting, 10th March, were amended by deletion of "of their Legal Department" from item 10.5 and were then agreed to be a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

An Elector asked whether copies of Minutes could be made available and was advised by the Chairman that, whilst copies are not available to the public, they can be inspected on request to the Clerk.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Photocopier (item 3).** The Elector who had volunteered to obtain information about photocopiers at the last meeting advised that second hand models were available at £150/190 with a three month guarantee and new models with a twelve month guarantee from Makro at £350 plus VAT. At Mr. Minkley's suggestion it was agreed to purchase a new photocopier and the elector will liaise with the Clerk to this end.

**Condition of Footpath, B676 (Item 10.2)**

Mr Shields advised that the Borough Council have drawn the deteriorating condition of this footway to the attention of the County Council.



#### 4 **PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION**

An invoice for repairs to the pavilion showers has now been received amounting to £217.20 plus VAT. The first grass cut by the new contractors is due tomorrow.

#### 5 **BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

The canvass of those members not present at the last meeting produced no objections to a switch of Parish Council meetings to the second Tuesday each month, tonight's being the first meeting under this arrangement. The Village Hall Committee is also meeting tonight, in the main hall, but have undertaken to avoid such clashes in future.

#### 6 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

##### **New Warehouse, Wymeswold Industrial Park (Acorn Trading).**

The comments in the letter from the Assistant Director of Development Control at Charnwood dated 27th February, previously circulated, were discussed and disappointment expressed. No further action was proposed.

**Caravans at Cotes.** Mr Shields advised that there are still some caravans on the site though they may not be inhabited. The situation will be kept under review.

**New Covert Farm, Hoton (Showmen's proposed site).** The Chairman and Mr. Topham attended a meeting in Hoton called by Mr. D.K. Castleline, Chairman of Hoton Parish Council, following a decision by the Borough Planning Committee on the Chairperson's casting vote to approve the application. This decision was again referred back by the full Borough Council. Mr. Oakland summarised the meeting in Hoton and Mr. Shields, who is actively involved in the Hoton campaign, summarised Borough Council aspects. Mr. Shields emphasised that new angles need to be found to persuade the Planning Committee to reverse their decision. A further public meeting is to be held in Hoton which Mr. Topham will again attend. Others are welcome to attend.

A draft letter has been received from the Parish Clerk at Hoton, addressed to the Director of Planning and Building Control at Charnwood, and it was agreed that we would submit a similar letter opposing the project, with particular reference to the breach of planning guidelines implicit in the Planning Committee's decision, the detrimental effect of oversize vehicles on local roads and the potential overloading of Burton Primary School. It appeared that official guidelines suggest a ratio of four children to 40 dwellings, which seems likely to be a considerable underestimate.

**Hangar 4, Wymeswold Airfield.** A letter from Charnwood Planning dated 26th March was read advising that an application for retention of

commercial storage use is expected to be submitted together with an application for a certificate of lawfulness for the remainder of the building. The Parish Council will be informed when such application is received. It was agreed to respond by re-emphasising the road traffic aspects and drawing attention to the multiplicity of such applications which in total amount to a considerable increase in industrialisation and consequent road traffic problems.

**Cliff House Farm (R.M.Brown) - continuation of use for the salvage and storage of car parts.** There was no objection to this application so long as the original area is not exceeded.

**12 Hall Drive, Burton (Mr & Mrs K. Ross) - extensions to rear.** No details of this application included in the 26th March summary had been received, despite a request to Charnwood Planning. It was agreed that there would be no objection so long as the application followed normal practice.

## **7 WATER SUPPLY TO ALLOTMENTS AND BURIAL GROUND**

Leak Line have now carried out their work but have installed the wrong taps, turn on instead of push button. They have agreed to change them but this has not been done as yet. Their invoice has been received, for £325.00, a reduction of £25.00 to take account of the trenching done by the Allotment Society. This will not be paid until the taps have been changed. Severn Trent are expected to carry out their work within the next week.

A letter will be sent to the Allotment Society asking for their co-operation in ensuring no wasteful use of water, no use of hose pipes and checking for leaks. Confirmation to be requested.

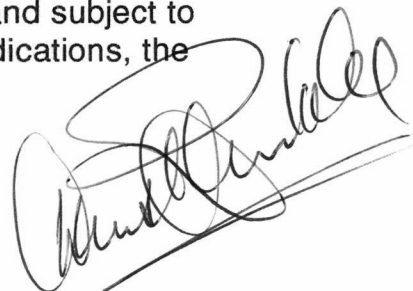
## **8 POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE**

Mr. Minkley reported on the visit by Mrs Spicer, Mr Brewin and himself. All facilities were made available. In his view it would never be possible to get rid of the smell altogether, with the houses having been built so close to the sheds.

The ADAS survey commissioned by the Borough Council is now awaited. Electors attending the meeting were invited to comment and one had heard that the survey would consist of three half day visits only. Whilst clearly the surveyors could not be present continually throughout a 36/38 day cycle, it is expected that monitoring equipment will be installed.

## **9 SPRING CLEAN, 19/20 APRIL**

No local interest has been shown in this proposed litter pick, and subject to checking whether Mrs Saunders has received any positive indications, the event will be cancelled.

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## 10 ENVIRONMENT

**10.1 Mini roundabout.** The white lines have been re-marked, as requested.

**10.2 Lion's Head Fountain.** Mrs Spicer's source has indicated a likely cost of £1000+ to restore the fountain.

An official of the County Council, Mike White, inspected the fountain yesterday. Landmark grants of 50% are available for listed features, but this can only be given to local authorities, not to private owners. Mr. White suggests talking to Mr Edmondson at 3 Hall Drive about making the fountain over to the Council either on a permanent or loan basis. It was agreed that the Clerk should do this, though without any firm commitment on anybody's part at this stage. It is possible that additional grants may be available from other sources.

**10.3 St. Philips Road Walkway.** There was no further news but the matter will be kept on the agenda.

**10.4 The Common/Travellers.** A letter dated 21st March from the Environment Agency was read, advising that the Duke of Somerset's agent is asking whether some joint work involving the Parish Council, the Environment Agency and himself would be possible. The Agency is contemplating contributing to such a scheme and will advise further in due course. The Duke's agent had said that he would write to this Council direct and in an interim reply to the Agency, they have been asked to press for this. The matter is now of extreme urgency as already a group of travellers has attempted to access the Common, much earlier than in previous years.

**10.5 Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act 1996.** A letter under this heading from Charnwood Planning had been circulated with the Agenda. It was decided to defer the issue until the next meeting

**10.6 Harlow's Wood - litter.** Mr Topham has received complaints about the littered state of the wood. The matter was deferred pending a final decision regarding the litter pick (Item 9).

**10.7 Condition of Pavements.** Mrs Pickford advised that pavements in Burton were very dirty. Charnwood Borough will be asked to attend, at the same time being asked what is the scheduled frequency for cleaning both roads and pavements.

## 11 FINANCIAL REPORT

There has been a nett decrease in funds of £1319.44 taking the Business Reserve to £6018.59. Interest on the Capital Reserve of £199.16 has been

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received and that reserve now stands at £21,762.51. A new Receipts and Payments Book will be needed for the new financial year and this was authorised.

## **12 MISCELLANEOUS**

**12.1 Clerk's Contract of Employment.** The latest draft had been circulated with the Agenda and it was decided to defer this item until the next meeting to allow full consideration. The Clerk advised that the £200 p.a. allowance for office accommodation had remained unchanged at least since 1988/89, which is as far back as records go, and maybe longer. He would like the matter to be reviewed at the same time as the pending salary review.

**12.2 Millennium Green.** A circular had been received from the Countryside Commission advising that funding was available for 250 such greens. It was decided to obtain further information with possible application to the new development on the pig farm site.

**12.3 Circulation of Borough Council Minutes and General Information.** Mrs Pickford advised that she has not been receiving this material for some months, although the clerk confirmed that such matter is distributed roughly once a fortnight. He will check with Mr. Brewin.

**12.4 Association for Neighbourhood Democracy.** No action will be taken on documents circulated by this organisation.

**12.5 Best Kept Village Competition.** It was decided not to enter.

**12.6 Rural Development Commission Survey.** Information to enable the Clerk to complete this survey as regards Burton was supplied. Mrs Spicer will complete the Cotes survey and Mr Moyle will be asked to complete that for Prestwold, all to be returned to the Clerk for final response.


**12.7 LAPLC Elections.** It was decided not to make any nominations.

**12.8 County Council Elections.** Official Notices and Lists of Nominations have been posted on all Notice Boards.

**12.9 Leicestershire Rural Action for the Environment.** A circular advises about grant availability. This will be circulated for comments.

**12.10 Charnwood at Leisure.** Illustrated leaflets have been received describing local attractions. These were circulated and copies will be displayed on the Notice Board.

**12.11 Electoral Register.** Mr Topham has recovered the copy previously available at the Post Office for inspection, following its closure. The Clerk will arrange for this to be held at the garage in future - a £10

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annual fee will be due to them from the Borough. Mr. Titterton to be advised accordingly once the arrangement is made.

### **13 CHEQUES**

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Executive Electrical Services	showers	£255.21
Leics Rural Community Council	donation	50.00
Leics Playing Fields Assoc.	subscription	10.00
K.W. Davies	salary/expenses	478.69

### **14 PRESS RELEASE**

This will cover the cancellation of the Spring Clean, the latest on the water supply to the allotments and burial ground, the change of day for Council Meetings and notice of the Parish annual meetings.

### **15 ARRANGEMENTS FOR ANNUAL MEETINGS**

These will be held in the main hall . The Cotes Parish Meeting will be at 7.00 p.m. on 13th May, that for Prestwold at 7.10 p.m. and that for Burton at 7.20 p.m. The Parish Council AGM will be at 7.30 p.m., followed by the monthly Council Meeting at 8.00 p.m. The Clerk will produce the usual inventory.

### **16 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING**

The Dogs (Fouling of Land) Act circular and Clerk's Contract of Employment will be included.

### **17 CHAIRMAN'S THANKS**

This being the last meeting prior to the Annual Meeting, the Chairman expressed his thanks for the support from all members and also from Borough Councillor Robert Shields, County Councillor Diane Goodman and those Local Government Electors who had attended and contributed to meetings of the Council.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.

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**MINUTES of the Annual Parish Meeting for the Ward of Prestwold  
held in Burton on the Wolds Village Hall  
on Tuesday 13th May 1997 at 7.10 p.m.**

Present;

Mr M Oakland (Chairman)  
Mr D Minkley  
Mr R Moyle  
Mrs M Pickford  
Mrs L Spicer  
Mr K Topham

Mr K W Davies (Parish Clerk)

**1 APOLOGIES**

An apology for absence was received from Mr R Shields.

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the last meeting, 13th May 1996, were confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

There were no matters arising other than those covered in the Chairman's Report.

**4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman read his Report, copy attached to these Minutes.

There being no other business, the Meeting closed at 7.19 p.m.



## **PARISH OF PRESTWOLD**

### **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT, 1996/97**

#### **Charnwood Draft Local Plan**

The Parish Council, whilst accepting that additional housing development may probably take place in Burton on the Wolds, is of the opinion that the rural nature of the village should be protected. The Council is therefore seeking to ensure that the correct planning principles are observed.

The Parish Council is also taking careful note of reports concerning other proposals for large scale development in the area.

#### **Traffic**

Whilst the Parish Council is satisfied with the traffic calming measures so far implemented in Burton on the Wolds, they are fully aware that these do not totally satisfy the aspirations of all residents. With this in mind, they are seeking to condition acceptance of further development in the village with additional road safety measures.

The Parish Council is currently in negotiation with the County Highways Authority over the implementation of a weight limit on Stanford Lane, Cotes.

It is, perhaps, unfortunate that part of the Parish Council's duties include reporting to the Highways Authority the deteriorating state of roads in the parish, since any resurfacing work is usually accompanied by increased speed and traffic density.

We are also very concerned that developments taking place in a piecemeal manner in and around the Wymeswold Industrial Estate are bringing increases in heavy traffic on what is, in our opinion, an unsuitable roads network connecting the Wolds villages. This viewpoint has been consistently rejected by the Charnwood Borough Planning Committees.

#### **Burial Ground**

The opportunity was taken, when water was laid on to the allotments at Burton on the Wolds, to extend the facility to the burial ground.

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This year the precept has been reduced by £1000 to £8000. A further decrease was not considered practicable in view of the perceived need to maintain a reasonable balance in case legal advice should need to be obtained in the context of the draft Local Plan and also to contribute to any Millennium celebrations which may be considered.

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Mr D Minkley  
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Mrs M Pickford  
Mrs L Spicer  
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**4 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

The Chairman read his Report, copy attached to these Minutes.

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**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Monday 10th March 1997, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr. M. Oakland (Chairman)  
Mr. D. Minkley  
Mr. R. Moyle  
Mrs. R. Saunders  
Mr. K. Topham

Mr. K. W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Two Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. G. Brewin, Mrs. L. Spicer and Mrs. M. Pickford, and from Mr. R. Shields (Borough Councillor).

**2 MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting, 10th February, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Photocopier (Item 3).** One of the Electors present has access to second-hand copiers and volunteered to look for a suitable machine and provide details to Cllr. Brewin.

**4 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION**

Mrs. Saunders reported that the showers have now been repaired, as arranged with the Football Club. The bill is not yet to hand.

There are stakes available for collection, these having been detached from now maturing trees.

**5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

Mrs. Walker had advised that the claim concerning subsistence, etc. had been lodged with the Insurance Company. Relevant extracts from a Survey by The Diamond, Wood Partnership dated 13th February were read. Mrs Walker will be asked to keep the Council informed with a broken down estimate of repair costs when available.

*M. J. Oakland*

The council are asked whether they would switch meetings to the second Tuesday of the month to accommodate body toning sessions which can book every Monday. This would benefit the Village Hall revenue. Members present had no objection but the Clerk will check with the three absent members and consult the Chairman before responding.

It appears that the Village Hall entertainments licence does not cover Sundays. An application to cover Sundays has now been made and no such bookings will be taken until this is approved.

## **6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Land off Sowters Lane, Burton (Scottorn).** The appeal has now been withdrawn and the local inquiry cancelled following a revised application which was approved by Charnwood Plans Sub Committee 2 on 30th January. Inter alia, this provides for a maximum of six mobile homes, not to be occupied at any time.

**New warehouse, Wymeswold Industrial Park (Acorn Trading).** A letter from Charnwood advises that planning permission was granted for this development on 13th February. Somewhat lengthy details behind this decision will be circulated to Parish Councillors.

**Erection of house on land at rear of School Cottage, Prestwold Lane, Prestwold (Mr.S. Packe-Drury-Lowe).** The Council will leave Charnwood to decide, but point out that this is currently open farm land, there are potentially difficult traffic access problems and the final decision should be seen to be consistent with that at Narrow Lane (Pickavant).

**Extension at rear for Conservatory, 6 Springfield Close, Burton (Taylor).** There was no objection to this application.

**New Covert Farm, Hoton (Showmen's Yard).** There has been considerable press comment indicating that the issue has been referred back to Charnwood's Planning Committee after initial approval, but no further action is deemed appropriate at this time in the absence of any official news.

**Economic Development Programme.** No response was considered necessary to an initiative from Charnwood under this heading.

**Planning Permission Granted.** The January report from Charnwood confirms approval of the new vehicular access at 10 Barrow Road and the extension at 46 Springfield Close, both Burton. It was noted that the application for aircraft use of Wymeswold Airfield dating back to September 1995 is still to be determined.

*M. J. O'Connell*

## **7 WATER SUPPLY TO ALLOTMENTS AND BURIAL GROUND**

Mr Andrews advises that the trench was dug out on the allotments side yesterday but part way along on the burial ground side an obstruction was encountered, seemingly concrete filling around a previous gatepost. Leak-Line will finish the job next week and install the taps etc. Payment is now due to Severn Trent to enable them to make the final connection. A letter of thanks will be sent to the Allotment Society.

## **8 POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE**

Charnwood Council have agreed that the survey should go ahead, paid for by them. The site visit has been firmed up for 18th March, though Padleys are now restricting this to three Councillors only. These will be Mrs Saunders and Messrs Brewin and Minkley. Mrs Saunders keeps three geese and enquiries will be made as to whether Padleys will accept her as a member of the visiting party.

Electors present were asked for comment and expressed some concern that the surveyors should take account of the problems perceived by residents. Assurances were given that the Parish Council is aware of the views of residents and these have been conveyed to Charnwood Borough Council, who are instructing the Surveyors.


## **9 SPRING CLEAN, 19/20 APRIL**

The pack of tabards and guidance has been received from the Tidy Britain Group. Charnwood have indicated that they will be offering support and they will be asked to clarify this. A preliminary notice will be placed on the Notice Board and in the shops and a paragraph inserted in the Link. The School will be asked for support. Final details to be arranged at the next meeting.

## **10 ENVIRONMENT**

**10.1 Mini roundabout.** The County Council have instructed the contractor to remedy the fading white lines. The Chairman expressed concern that motorists, particularly those turning right from Barrow Road, were not using the roundabout correctly. Attention will be drawn to this in the Press Release.

**10.2 B676 west of Burton.** It was noted that the footway has been cleared by Charnwood following Cllr. Shields' intervention. The catseyes have now been replaced, as requested.





**10.3 Lion's Mouth Fountain.** Mrs Spicer has advised the Clerk that her student contact examined the fountain but wishes to talk to his tutor about it. It may be necessary to take a cast of the head. He will revert.

Meantime it was agreed, seeing that the fountain is Listed, to contact the appropriate Department at Charnwood to seek assistance.

**10.4 The Common/Travellers.** Mrs. Saunders advised that the intended clear up organised by Jamie Bailey did not take place last weekend. It is hoped to organise this shortly.

Mr Ireland of the Environment Agency has advised by telephone today that the Duke of Somerset's Estate Office (Michelmores Hughes no longer act for the Duke) will be writing to all concerned shortly proposing joint action to clear the land on a shared cost basis and also addressing longer term measures.

**10.5 Walkway off St Philips Road.** Mr Buckingham of Charnwood Planning has advised that he and Alan Barker of the Parks Department are intending to visit the site shortly to see whether it can be put in a satisfactory condition for adoption. There is some reluctance to spend money on a site whose ownership is unclear. Peter Blitz of their Legal Department is attempting to clarify this. It was agreed to continue to press Charnwood for a resolution of this matter.

**10.6 Stanford Lane, Cotes.** Mrs. Byass has asked for further news and the Clerk has ascertained that the County Council will arrange the survey once there are twelve hours of daylight available, probably in April.

## **11 FINANCIAL REPORT**

Authorised payments totalled £443.22 in the last month taking the balance in the Current and business Reserve Accounts to £7338.03

## **12 MISCELLANEOUS**

**12.1 Register of Electors.** The new Registers have been received showing 795 electors in Burton (last year 780), 26 in Cotes (26) and 58 in Prestwold (59). In total, 879 (865).

**12.2 Application for Transfer of Justices Licence (Squires Restaurant).** Formal Notice has been served that Gordon Lang of Sileby is applying for transfer of this Licence.

**12.3 Leicestershire Association of Parish and Local Councils.** Notice of the meeting called for 11th March has been received.

**12.4 North Area Police/Community Consultative Committee.** Notice of Meeting on 25th March has been received.



**12.5 CBC Interpretation Services.** A supply of leaflets has been received.

**12.6 Charnwood Road Safety Committee.** Mrs. Saunders attended the recent meeting and gave brief details of matters of interest.

**12.7 Clerk's Contract of Employment.** A draft document has been prepared and vetted by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman. It will be circulated to Councillors before the next meeting.

### **13 CHEQUES**

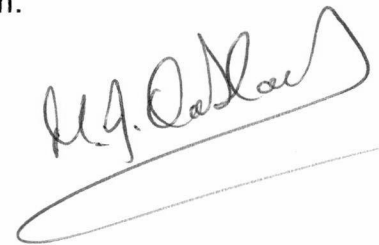
The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Audit Commission	audit '96/97	£131.60
K.W. Davies	expenses	£ 21.08
Severn Trent Water	connections	£1116.94

### **14 PRESS RELEASE**

The Spring Clean and mini-roundabout issues will be featured.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.50 p.m.



**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Monday 10th February 1997, commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr. M. Oakland (Chairman)  
Mr. D. Minkley  
Mrs. M. Pickford  
Mrs. R. Saunders  
Mrs. L. Spicer  
Mr. K. Topham

Mr. K. W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mr. R. Shields (Borough Councillor)  
Two Local Government Electors  
Mr. G. Andrews, Chairman of the Burton on the Wolds Allotment and Garden Society (at the invitation of the Council).

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Messrs G. Brewin and R. Moyle.

**2 MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting, 13th January were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman after the following amendments:

Item 12.6 - for "Robin" read "Simon" and, in the final sentence, delete "this matter" and insert "the resurfacing."

Item 14 - Add to the list of cheques "John Unwin Electrical Contractors Ltd, Village Hall inspection, £105.75."

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Photocopier (Item 3).** There was no progress to report.

**Burial Ground Gates (Item 3).** Peter Shaw has fitted a drop over fastener at a cost of £18.80.

**Crime Prevention Caravan (Item 12.2).** Following clarifications from the Loughborough & District Crime Prevention Panel it was agreed to support this venture with a donation, with the proviso that should the project not go ahead then the donation should be refunded. A proposal by Mrs Saunders to donate £50.00 was not seconded. It was proposed Mr. Minkley,

*M. J. Oakland*

seconded Mrs Saunders and carried unanimously that £25.00 be donated.

**National Spring Clean (Item 12.4).** The materials for this campaign are still awaited. It was decided that the local effort should be at the week-end 19/20 April. Details to be finalised at the next meeting.

#### **4 PLAYING FIELD/PAVILION**

Mrs Saunders reported that the football club who hire the pitch had volunteered to repair the existing showers at a cost considerably below that indicated at the last meeting. It has been agreed that they should go ahead.

#### **5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

A letter from the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee was read expressing surprise at the Council's request regarding pictures in the Meeting Room, whilst agreeing to advise the Playgroup Committee of the Council's request. The Chairman and other Councillors recollect that undertakings on this score were previously given by the Village Hall Committee, at the time of redecoration, and Mrs Pickford will remind them of this.

In a telephone conversation with the Clerk, Mrs Walker, the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee, has advised that a surveyor has been called in to look at some structural problems. including the outer wall of the ladies toilet. They are getting quotations for these repairs and also for various other works including replacing the Georgian windows and improving the outside path. They are checking whether any of the repairs are covered by insurance, but overall it appears that the total cost might be in the region of £8000 of which they would look to the Council for a 12.5% grant.

#### **6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**34 Seymour Road, Burton** - Satellite Dish (Listed Building), J.L. & B. Worsley. No objection.

**Land off Sowters Lane, Burton (J. Scottorn).** Advice has been received of a Local Inquiry commencing 25th February into Mr. Scottorn's appeal against the refusal to allow him to store caravans on this land. Mr Shields has heard that, in a separate application, Mr Scottorn has been given permission to store six mobile homes on this land. It was decided to take no action.

**Hangar 4, Wymeswold Airfield.** A letter from Charnwood Planning Department was read, asking for advice about previous use of this hangar. Extracts from local publications in which the Parish Councils of Hoton and Wymeswold expressed concern about current use of this hangar were also read. It appears that a company called Pall-Ex (U.K.) Ltd are using the hangar as a distribution depot and heavy goods vehicles are calling, often at





unsociable hours. Hangar 4 is outside the Wymeswold Industrial Estate and access is from the Wymeswold/Hoton road via the airfield perimeter track.

Mr Shields gave further details of the concerns of the Hoton and Wymeswold Councils which include the unauthorised erection of portakabins adjacent to the hangar as well as traffic and noise problems. It appears that the operator is Hilary Squires, who has recently moved into this area. It is believed that previous use of hangar 4 has been as an Intervention grain store and perhaps for other agricultural produce.

It was agreed to advise Charnwood Borough Council that we wish to join with neighbouring Councils in opposing this use of Hangar 4, on noise and traffic issues and also because it is outside the agreed Wymeswold Airfield Industrial Estate boundaries and therefore contrary to the North Wolds Plan.

**40 Wymeswold Lane, Burton (Mr & Mrs A. Peberdy) - extension.**

A three bedroom bungalow was approved for this site last year and is now under construction. The present application is for an extension to rear and to side. Concern was expressed that, whilst the original application was acceptable because it did not exceed the size of the previous dwelling on the site, this extension may exceed those limits. The Borough Council will be advised of our objection if the extension takes the overall area beyond that of the original building.

**Caravans at Cotes.** There has been some change on the site and the most prominent caravan has at least been moved, though it may not have gone. Mr Shields will continue to monitor the situation.

**Applications Approved.** The November and December meetings of Charnwood Planning Committee have approved the recent applications at 19 St Philips Road (Collins), 40 Wymeswold Lane (Peberdy), Cliff Farm (Bailey) and 3 Barrow Road (Philipson).

**New Court Farm, Wymeswold Road, Hoton.** Mr Shields advised of concern expressed by the Parish Councils of Hoton and Wymeswold regarding an application for change of use to Showmen's Yard for this six acre site, to house 20 caravans. These Councils have invited us to join them in their objections to the Borough about what is seen as an unsuitable development in the Wolds. Apart from the traffic problems envisaged from such usage, there could well be a capacity problem for Burton on the Wolds Primary School should there be large numbers of young children, which could well be the case from such a location. It was agreed to register an objection on these grounds.

**7 WATER SUPPLY TO ALLOTMENTS AND BURIAL GROUND**

The quotations from Leak-Line and from M & P Holland & Son for installing taps and linking pipework to the Severn Trent Water connection were again

*M.J. O'Sullivan*



reviewed and it was agreed to accept the lower quotation, £350.00 from Leak-Line. This contractor has indicated that a reduction should be possible if the Allotment Society dig out the trenches for the pipes.

Mr Andrews was not previously aware of the agreement given by the Secretary of the Society to undertaking this work. However he foresees no problem and will check and advise the Clerk accordingly, at which point Leak-Line and Severn Trent will be instructed to commence.

Mr Andrews advised that 14 plots are taken for the coming year. The fifteenth, and last, is so overgrown as to be virtually unworkable.

## **8 THE COMMON/TRAVELLERS**

An encouraging letter from the Environment Agency was read in which they advise that they have made contact with the Agent of the Duke of Somerset who says that arrangements will be made to clear the common very shortly. He is also examining ways of securing the common to keep travellers from camping and intends to hold a site meeting in the latter half of February involving the County Council, the Environment Agency and ourselves.

This news was welcomed, though Mrs Saunders found it somewhat in conflict with information received from Jamie Bailey, who had also heard from the Agent, and was endeavouring to organise a voluntary clear up by horse riders and other common users. The Clerk, whilst thanking the Environment Agency for this helpful intervention, will urge them to ensure that the proposed actions take place without delay.

## **9 POULTRY FARM**

Correspondence from the Borough Environmental Health Department was read, including the recommendation by Robin Fisk to his Committee that the ADAS survey be approved. Mr Shields will be seeing Mr Fisk tomorrow and will advise the Clerk whether approval has been given and, if so, ask for a timetable. Electors present advised that there had been further smell/dust problems recently, particularly bad on Friday last, 7th February. Mr Shields will advise Mr Fisk of this. The residents wish to be kept advised of progress.

## **10 ENVIRONMENT**

**10.1 County Council Highway Maintenance Programme.** The Divisional Surveyor has asked for projects for inclusion in next year's programme. In addition to the footways alongside the B676/B675 already advised, attention will be drawn to the deteriorating surface of the B675 on turning right onto it from Burton and where previous repairs at the pipeline crossing the B675 have settled.

**10.2 Mini roundabout scheme.** The County Council responded to our query regarding the bus stop markings and these have now been redefined in yellow, which removes the cause of confusion. Some of the new road markings are already wearing away, within a month of completion, and the County Council will be advised of this.

**10.3 Footway alongside B676 west of Burton.** The County Council have registered our request that this footway be renovated in the coming financial year but point out that cleaning of it is the responsibility of Charnwood Borough. Mr Shields will be seeing Mr Kinnear shortly and will take this up with him.

The catseyes have still not been restored following the roadwork, despite the assurances given and the District Surveyor will be asked to attend to this as an urgent safety issue.

**10.4 Lion's Head Fountain.** Mr Edmondson of 3 Hall Drive has no objection in principle to the Council making proposals for cleaning up the fountain or renovating it though nothing should be done without consultation with him. He normally cleans it up once a year and has no objection to it being rodded out. Ray Hardy has confirmed that he can again rod it if required though it is not clear whether the present rather weak flow is due to blockage or to the unusually low rainfall.

Mrs Spicer has a contact with knowledge of fountains and she will ask him to look at the Lion's Head and give the Council a report and estimate for what can be done.

**10.5 Noise from the Airfield.** Residents of Somerset Close have complained to Mr Topham about vehicle noise. Apparently Charnwood Borough sent somebody out to monitor it but chose a quiet day. Mrs Pickford is still involved in monitoring noise, but any complaints should be directed at Charnwood Borough.

**10.6 Walkway off St Philips Road.** Despite a written request for an update for this meeting, there has been no news from Chris Buckingham. Mr Shields undertook to pursue the matter with him.

## **11 FINANCIAL REPORT**

A VAT refund of £111.70 has been received and with payments in the last month of £650.63, the month end balance is £7,781.25

## **12 PARISH PRECEPT/COUNCIL TAX BASE**

A response from Charnwood Director of Finance indicates that the Council Tax Base advised to the last meeting omitted Cotes and Prestwold. The revised figure of 452.1 compares to 452.6 a year earlier and as a result the

£8000 precept agreed at the last meeting equates to a reduction of £2.19 or 11% on a band 'D' property.

The revised budget, amended to include the £8000 precept, results in a projected surplus of £4801, very similar to this year's anticipated surplus.

### 13 MISCELLANEOUS

**13.1 Leicestershire Footpath Association.** The Annual Report and Notice of the AGM were passed to Mrs Saunders.

**13.2 Radio Leicester Inter Village Quiz.** An invitation to participate will be displayed on the Notice Board with a request that anyone interested in organising a team should contact the Clerk.

**13.3 Drewery's Shop.** Mrs Pickford advised that First Tuesday are organising a collection from village organisations in order to make a presentation to the Drewery's on the pending closure of the last village shop. It was felt that it was not appropriate for the Parish Council, as the custodian of electors' funds, to subscribe.

**13.4 Planting of bulbs and flowers.** An elector asked whether it would be possible to brighten Burton village by planting out bulbs and flowers. The Chairman advised that previous attempts had not been successful.

### 14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

Peter Shaw	18.80	Burial Ground gate fitting
Leics. Footpath Assoc	4.00	Subscription
K. W. Davies	67.05	Expenses
John Unwin Electrical	191.87	Village Hall repairs
SLCC	35.00	subscription
Loughborough Crime Prevention Panel	25.00	donation towards trailer

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.





**MINUTES of a Meeting of the Burton on the Wolds, Cotes and Prestwold Parish Council held in the Village Hall, Burton on the Wolds on Monday 13th January 1997 commencing at 7.30 p.m.**

Present:

Mr. M. Oakland (Chairman)  
Mr. G. Brewin  
Mr. D. Minkley  
Mrs. R. Saunders  
Mrs. L. Spicer  
Mr. K. Topham

Mr. K. W. Davies (Clerk)

In attendance: Mrs. D. Goodman (County Councillor)  
Mr. R. Shields (Borough Councillor)  
Three Local Government Electors

**1 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Mr. R. Moyle and Mrs. M. Pickford.

**2 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the previous meeting, 9th December 1996, were agreed to be a true and correct record and were signed by the Chairman.

**3 MATTERS ARISING**

**Photocopier (Item 3).** Mr Brewin advised that there could be maintenance problems if a machine is purchased in London. It was agreed that efforts should be made to locate a reasonably priced desk top photocopier locally.

**Clerk's Contract of Employment (Item 11.3).** The Clerk will present a draft at a future meeting.

**Burial Ground Gate (Item 11.4).** The Clerk will arrange to have a drop over fastener fitted.

**Lion's Head Fountain (Item 11.5).** Recent records show that the fountain is Listed, and belongs to the owners of 5 Hall Drive. However Councillors believe that this should be 3 Hall Drive and the Clerk will make contact with the owners. Ray Hardy also may have knowledge of this.

**MINI ROUNDABOUT, BURTON CROSSROADS (ITEM 8.5).** Satisfaction was expressed that the work carried out meets requirements and the



Clerk will express thanks to the County Council, at the same time pointing out that there is evident confusion on the approach from the east caused by the markings for the bus stop appearing on the road surface before the 'stop' line for the mini roundabout itself.

#### **4 BURTON PLAYING FIELD AND PAVILION**

Mrs Saunders advised that the quotations received from P & J Services for maintenance of the Playing Field were, in total, lower than those from County Direct Services. The P & J quotation at £50 per cut (min. 15), £7 per cut for the play area (Min. 8) and £60 total for strimming as necessary, totalled £ 866 compared to £ 910 from County Direct. Their quotations of £30 per visit to mow and strim the burial ground once or twice per month and £ 50 lumpsum for tidying the woodland area adjacent to the burial ground, together with £30 lumpsum for an annual tidying around the Village Hall were also competitive. It was agreed to appoint P & J to carry out all these functions for 1997, all work to be invoiced to the Council, and the Clerk will advise them accordingly.

Repairs to the garage doors were carried out at the weekend by the suppliers and they have made recommendations for further measures to be undertaken by the PFA. The Cricket Club have declined to take on financial liability for the gang mower.

#### **5 BURTON VILLAGE HALL**

The electrical inspection required for the Entertainment Licence has been carried out and the invoice passed over to the Council. There is a small amount of work required which will be invoiced separately.

It was noted that the childrens pictures were still displayed on the wall of the Committee Room and the Clerk will ask the Secretary of the Village Hall Committee whether these can be removed.

#### **6 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**Caravans at Cotes.** Mr. Shields advised that the Borough Council are aware of this situation and will be pursuing the matter.

**P/96/01657/2 - land off Sowters Lane, Burton (J.Scottorn).** This retrospective application required a response by 10th January and following consultation with the Chairman and other Councillors, the Clerk had advised that, as previously, the Council has no objection to this application. It is not clear how this differs from Application 95/1516/2 which is due to be dealt with at a Planning Inspectorate inquiry.

**P/96/01686/2 and 01687/2 - Woodside Cottage, Prestwold (Mr. R. Moyle).** There was no objection to this kitchen extension at rear and reloca-



tion of door to a listed building.

**P/96/01703/2 - extension at rear, 46 Springfield Close, Burton (T.Smith).** No objection.

**P/96/01149/2 - Revised Application, erection of warehouse, rear of Unit 61, Wymeswold Industrial Estate (Acorn Trading Ltd).** The revision involves re-orientation of the proposed warehouse, reduction in height and provision of a landscaped area. The Council considered that these revisions did not satisfy any of its original grounds for objection and that the objections should be maintained.

## **7 THE COMMON/TRAVELLERS**

A letter from the Charnwood Director of Housing and Public Services had been circulated with the Agenda. It appears that the Borough Council's efforts will be concentrated on Wymeswold rather than Burton. The Clerk was instructed to acknowledge the letter and ask to be kept informed of developments.

There is no further news from the Environment Agency regarding the approach to the Duke of Somerset.

## **8 POULTRY FARM, SOWTERS LANE, BURTON**

Mr Brewin reported on a meeting called by the Charnwood Head of Environmental Health Services on 9th January involving three members of the Parish Council, Mrs Saunders, the Clerk and himself, who had met with management from Padleys to discuss the various issues. The concerns of residents had been made clear and Padleys had explained what steps they had taken to minimise dust, smell and noise. They clearly regarded this as a second class site in that it is leased (from Mr Wheeler) whereas most of their locations are owned. This made them loath to make major capital investments there. Nonetheless they are meeting Mr. Wheeler to negotiate an extension to the current lease which expires later this year.

Mr Fisk, who chaired the meeting, had offered to fund a survey to be undertaken by ADAS( an offshoot of MAFF) or by some other qualified organisation, perhaps the University of Nottingham, should the Parish Council so desire. It was agreed to take up this offer, leaving Mr Fisk to nominate the actual organisation to be appointed.

Padleys had invited a delegation of 3/5 members of the Council to visit the farm to see conditions for themselves and it was decided to nominate Mrs Saunders, Mrs Spicer and Messrs Brewin, Minkley and Davies.

## **9 ENVIRONMENT**

**9.1 STANFORD LANE, COTES.** A letter from the County Council dated 10th December was read, advising that a twelve hour traffic survey will be undertaken when daylight hours permit.

**9.2 Water main, Wymeswold Lane.** Severn Trent advise that work should now be commencing on replacing the existing main. This should take about a fortnight and after a further week for testing should be fully operational by end January. At the Chairman's suggestion, they had been asked whether the connection to the allotments could be made at the same time but this was not possible.

**9.3 Oaks Millennium Trust.** A circular had been received offering "Millennium Oak" packs. The Chairman made reference to a previous scheme to plant a tree on land facing the Sunnyside Pig Farm, but it was decided to leave this in abeyance in view of the house building plans in that locality.

**9.4 B676 Resurfacing.** Mr Shields expressed disappointment at the County Surveyor's advice (conveyed to the last meeting) that there are no funds available to improve the kerbs and sidewalk. It was agreed to express disappointment to the Surveyor and to ask that the catseyes be restored as soon as possible and that the sidewalk should at least be cleared of the considerable debris, part due to the resurfacing.

## **10 FINANCIAL STATEMENT**

Receipts in the previous month were £41.70, payments £111.91 leaving a balance of £8320.18. The quarterly interest payment had increased the Capital Reserve to £21,563.35.

## **11 PRECEPT**

Advice had been received from Charnwood Director of Finance that the Council Tax Base in the coming year would be 405.7, which compares to 452.6 in the current year. It is not clear why there should be this variance and the clerk will query this.

The Clerk presented an Outturn Forecast for the current year, predicting a surplus of £4863, and a proposed budget for 1997/98. Following detailed examination and discussion and recognising that there may be some future unplanned expenditure in connection with planning appeals and the Millennium, it was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr Topham and carried unanimously that the Precept for the coming year should be £8000, a reduction of £1000 compared to 1996/97.

## 12 MISCELLANEOUS

**12.1 Vacancy for Sub postmaster, Burton.** A poster advertising this vacancy has been exhibited on the Parish Notice Board at the request of Post Office Counters Ltd.

**12.2 Loughborough & District Crime Prevention Panel.** This organisation requests contributions towards the cost of a new Crime Prevention Caravan. The Clerk was instructed to make further enquiries and to raise the issue again at the next meeting.

**12.3. Neighbourhood Watch Return.** A number of copies are received by the Clerk each month, currently still via Mrs Skinner. It was clarified that these copies are intended for Council use, and that Neighbourhood Watch receive their copies direct from the Police.

**12.4 National Spring Clean, 18/27 April.** Mrs Saunders had received details of this campaign from the Tidy Britain Group and it was decided to take part, probably at the weekend.

**12.5 Rights of Way.** Mrs Saunders reported that the previous proposals had now been submitted and, so far as is understood, the Ramblers Association have no objections. It will probably be a year before this is finalised.

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**12.6 Boundary Wall, Prestwold Hall Estate.** Mr Shields has spoken to Mr ~~Robert~~ Packe-Drury-Lowe about the condition of the boundary wall adjoining the B676 to the west of Burton. Mr Packe-Drury-Lowe has received estimates for repairs, one of which is for replacing the wall with a post and wire fence. Mrs Goodman will pursue ~~this matter~~ the resurfacing. *MF*

## 13 PRESS RELEASE

This will cover the precept, mini roundabout and poultry farm issues.

## 14 CHEQUES

The following cheques were authorised and signed:

CPRE subscription	£15.00
K.W. Davies, salary and expenses	£458.38
John Unwin Elec. Contractors Ltd.	£105.75 (✓/Hall) <i>MF</i>

## 15 ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

Water supply to allotments and burial ground. It was decided to invite the Secretary of the Allotments Society, Mr Ward, to attend.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05 p.m.

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